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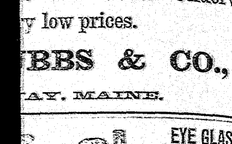

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We keep a full stock of everything you
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for Waists, at 29c., worth about double

line of Black Dress Goods and a new stock
them. Yours respectfully,

& ANDREWS,

SINGULAR DIVOICE CASE.

Bowser and the old woman at it again.

Mrs. Bowser.—Here Bowser, dear, is
the bill Mr. Z., the grocery man, left.

Mr. Bowser, (reading from the bill).
lbs. of lard at 10c, 20c; 4 qts. beans at
0c, 40c; 8 lbs. pork at 10c, 80c; 100
bs. flour, 24c; 1 pkg. gold dust, 25c; 6
ars soap, 25c; 1 lb. butter, 24c: total,
2.40. By the Great Horned Spoons of
Connecticut. MADAM, I am surprised,
hat a woman, who boasts of as much
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've told you once I've told you a hun-
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CENTRAL GROCERY Goods Store

STREET, NORWAY, ME.

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Me., Next to Hobb's Variety Store.

C. W. Willey & Son,

Beal Street, Norway, Me.

They sell lard for 5c; pea beans for 5c;
ork for 7c; crackers for 22c; gold dust
or 20c; 6 bars soap for 20c; butter for
2c. You could have saved me 35c on
his bill, or about 35c on each dol-
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his extravagence any longer! My law-
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L. P. Swett's, Norway, Me.

Orients, Unions, Swett's Specials, Peerless and
Fowler. Ready for inspection next week.

F. RIDLON,

pposite post office, Norway, Me.

ARRIVED.

of Blankets

cents, regular price 50 cent

The Cotton Underwear

Advertised two weeks ago, which was shipped wrong, arrived last week, and like some of our competitors,

of Blankets

"We Have the Goods We Advertise."

90 cents, regular price $1.25

We not only have the goods, but we are having a great sale and can show better bargains than were ever offered in this town. The goods sell themselves, and do not require talking to sell them, but sell on their merits. Come and look at the goods offered in this sale. This Special Sale will continue one week.

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Yours respectfully,

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RWAY, MAINE.

Norway, Maine.

WATCH For the New Line of WHEELS AT

L. P. Swett's, Norway, Me.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this opportunity of expressing our deep gratitude to all, who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement, through which we have been called to pass, in the death of our son. Also for the many beautiful flowers that were sent us.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. S. LIBBY.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to publicly express our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness on account of the sickness and death of our little daughter, Winnie. Also to the Epworth League and shoe shop boys for beautiful flowers.

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC P. CORB.

Norway, Feb. 22, 1896.

BUSINESS SPECIALS.

Under this head business notices inserted for ten cents per line.

Read Hills' ad.

"Frog in your Throat" will cure that cough. For 10 cents at Stone's.

Have your spectacles fitted by Hills, the only practical optician in Oxford Co.

Hobbs' Variety Store has just received the largest shipment of wall papers and curtains ever sent into Oxford County.

Why not have your watches repaired at Hills? Good work costs no more.

Best refrigerator in town at Gilbert's and the best meats kept in it.

Order cut flowers at Stone's drug store.

The solid gold spectacle frames at Hills' are just the same as others ask $3 and $4 for. The only difference is the profit.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Lives of rich men all remind us
We can make our lives unique,
And departing leave behinds us
Fortunes for our heirs to seek.
Fortunes that perhaps some other
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and bankrupt brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
Fortunes gained by enterprising
Methods in our business life,
Wishing in our advertising
'Mid the competition rife.

Mrs. George Annis is stopping at Mrs. A. Courson's on Beal St.

Mattie Courson spent Sunday at her uncle's in East Stoneham.

Mrs. F. Grovenor is visiting in Augusta.

E. H. Noyes is in New York, this week.

Thomas Muirhead and daughter Eva have gone to Essex, Mass.

Walter Knight and wife have moved to South Bethel.

Winnie Hayes who has been visiting friends in this place and at South Paris has returned to her home in Bridgton.

George E. Wallace of Rochester, Mass., has been in town looking after his interest in the electric lighting plant.

Look out for the Electric Fountain, Thursday and Friday, at the Universalist Fair.

George A. Cole was considerably shaken up, one morning last week. He was riding the sidewalk snow-plow, when it tipped and threw him off.

L. P. Swett's bicycle rooms are being papered, painted and otherwise put in readiness for the opening of the bicycle season.

Aunt Jemima was at the store of E. F. Bicknell, using special pancake flour last Wednesday. No doubt you called there. If you didn't you missed a good time.

The cow bought of Uncle Cyrus Woodbum, by R. D. Gould last week, weighed five 1220 pounds, dressed weight was 553, the hide 77 pounds, and tallow 40 pounds.

Quite a delegation of Knights of Pythias are expected to visit Hamlin Lodge at South Paris, this Friday evening, to see work on the third rank in the long form. The new robes will be used.

Gates have been put over the street car steps, so as to prevent persons getting on from the rear end. The traveling public pass right before the watchful eye of the motorman now.

F. F. Spinney & Co. and the Norway Electric Light Co. have perfected arrangements for electric power for the shoe factories. The power at the shoe factories has been steam, furnished by the company's own steam plant.

The Browning Reading Club had one of their most delightful evenings, last Thursday, at a tea given them by Mrs. Solomon Bowerman. Brownings sat down at the bountifully spread table and further manner showed their appreciation of the food before them. After the Social Book Party was participated in by all and a prize was given to the one guessing correctly the most books represented and also to the one guessing the least. Ellie Swan won the former and Mrs. Bowerman the latter. Mrs. Robinson was presented with a piece of china from the club at the close of the evening. To say that the evening was enjoyed by all would be putting it mildly and at departure all joined in thanking the hostess for giving them such a pleasant time.

H. V. Starrett of Warren, Me., is here revising the Maine Register for 1896-7.

The W. R. C. will furnish dinner at Ryerson Hall, town meeting day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Small are to start West, next Monday.

Mrs. Henry Kilgore who has been sick for several months is recovering.

Mr. Maxim has moved into his house on Marston Street.

Maud Cullinan has gone to Auburn to work.

Jesse Edwards is to occupy the house vacated by Frank Small.

Look out for the Electric Fountain, Thursday and Friday, at the Universalist Fair.

Citizens' Caucus,—at Norway Opera House, Saturday, Feb. 29, at 1.30 o'clock p. m., to select candidates for municipal election and choose a town committee.

THERE ARE RICH MEN

who got their wealth by judicious advertising and the grit that is never willing to say "enough".

There are Others

who never advertise or, if at all, they use antiquated methods.

When you get a good thing, push it along. It will pay you to hire the ADVERTISER to help do the pushing.

Collector C. F. Lord is still confined to the house and under the care of physicians. He has now been sick some three weeks and his friends are apprehensive of the result. We all hope to see Mr. Lord out once more. He has a kidney trouble.

Mrs. Abbie J. Tubbs who has been quite sick for the past month is slowly gaining. She is confined to her bed in a dark room. Her daughter Inez was brought from Hebron, last week, very sick. She is gaining but is not able to leave her bed.

Republican Caucus,—at Norway Opera House, Saturday, Feb. 29, at 2.30 p. m., to select candidates for the municipal election, to choose a town committee, and to select delegates to the Republican State and district conventions at Portland April 16th, and Auburn, April 15th.

George L. Noyes trave's about considerably on skis. A ski (pronounced skee) is a long narrow toboggan worn on each foot in the same manner as a snow shoe. An expert on them will easily travel six to right miles per hour for all day. Several others in the village have skis and use them considerably, but Mr. Noyes uses them to go around a great deal, making trips of ten or twelve miles into the neighboring towns.

The presence and attention of the people of Norway are solicited to hear an evening's discourse on "The Actions and Judgments of Men," delivered by Edward A. Tyler of this town. This lecture has been carefully and deliberately prepared in view of stimulating the sense of satisfaction and content, and of smothering the ruinning fire of faultfinding and ruthless criticism so prevalent among mankind; and so presented in anticipation of a good and moral effect. It is not presented for the purpose of winning plaudits or provender; in other words, the lecture is free. At Ryerson Hall, Friday evening, March 6, at 8 o'clock.

The Lillian Tucker Company began a week's engagement, Monday night, in the comedy drama, Madcap Bess. A good sized audience thoroughly enjoyed the splendid performance given by Miss Tucker and her clever company. The specialties were also much enjoyed. Owing to the illness of Miss Tucker, no performances were given Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Thursday night, Dad's Girl will be the bill. It is said to be a very excellent play and one in which the company appear to good advantage. Several of the latest popular songs will be rendered each night. Friday night, the popular drama, Lady Audley's Secret, will be presented. Saturday afternoon at 2:30, a ladies' and children's 15 cent matinee will be given. The play will be Ten Nights in a Bar Room. A present will be given to every lady and a bag of candy to every child. Saturday night, Mark Twain's masterpiece, Tom Sawyer, will close the company's present engagement in Norway. Arrangements have been made by which residents of South Paris can attend these performances without extra expense as the management has placed tickets on sale at Shurtleff's drug store and give with every reserved seat ticket two street car tickets free. As a result of this, South Paris will doubtless turn out in large numbers.

Norway Opera House.

The Ladies' Universalist Fair, so happily inaugurated, two weeks ago, by the "Virginia Bright Lights," will open its second part on March 5th, at 6.30 p. m., with a supper. Sales through the evening from fancy, underwear, apron, kitchen, confectionery, hot chocolate (inclusive of cup and saucer) and pop corn tables, from all of which good articles can be purchased at a most reasonable price. Later, there will be an exhibition of an Electric Fountain, after the order of that at the World's Fair, which will play with colored lights three different times. The expense incurred to have the fountain makes necessary a charge of ten cents to enter the hall. Supper, 25 cts. Cake and ice cream served at any time. Friday, the hall will open at 2 o'clock for sales. Admission for the evening, 25 cts. Supper at the same hour and price as on Thursday. Friday evening, the entertainment will be this same beautiful Fountain, spraying under iridescent shades, attended with a delightful spectacular features, entirely original, utterly different and longer of display than on Thursday. This Fountain is in fine imitation of the celebrated one at the Exposition. Amateurs have never before ventured anything so extensive, and it will pay you to come and see what our enterprising Norway can do with such a scheme. Come everybody and take in the whole Fair.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND US THE LOCAL NEWS.

Oxford County Advertiser.

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2 months, 25 cents. 3 months, 38 cents. 4 months, 50 cents. 6 months, 75 cents. 8 months, $1.00. 10 months, $1.25. 12 months, $1.50. 16 months, $2.00.

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Address Advertiser, Norway, Me.

NOTICE.

I intend changing my system of trade from credit to cash or ready pay from and after the first day of April next, and all out-standing accounts must be settled by the first day of May, 1896, without further notice.

I shall keep no books and run no accounts unless especially arranged.

Thanking my customers for past patronage, I earnestly solicit their trade in the future, believing that by this system I shall be able to sell goods cheaper and more satisfactory to my customers. CHARLES CHASE.

Upton, Feb., 1896. 9-12 x

Hobb's Variety Store

SPECIALTY.

600 Rolls Wall Paper, a new spring pattern.

White, not Brown, Back, full length, 8 yards to Roll.

Sold only in 10 Roll Lots, with 20 yards, 9 in. border.

50 cents for lot.

SOUTH PARIS.

Luther Winslow's baby is quite sick at this writing.

Osman Henry has gone to Berlin N. H.

Mrs. Edwin Farington of Lovell, who has been visiting relatives here and in Norway, has returned home.

F. E. Kimball and wife went to Waterford, last Sunday.

Ethel Gerry who is at work for Mrs. Robert Henry, visited at her home in Sumner, last Saturday and Sunday.

Dean Tolman of Jay Bridge is in town.

If you want an extra copy of the ADVERTISER, you can get it for 4 cents at either Shurtleff's or Sturtevant's drug store.

Asaph Churchill of Buckfield was here, Wednesday afternoon.

About $40 worth of new books are to be added to the Methodist Sunday school library, right away. The library now numbers nearly 800 volumes, and is in every way well fitted for the uses of the Sunday school.

The Methodist Sunday school is flourishing. Its membership is gaining, and the average attendance is now well above 90.

Thursday evening of this week, the Methodist circle give a Martha Washington supper and entertainment, both of which are expected to be extra fine.

Lewiston parties have been pressing hay at Mountain View Farm.

Fairfield Farrar of Sumner was in town with a load of farm products, Wednesday.

Arthur Record, Carroll Curtis and others attended the ball at Buckfield, Wednesday night.

The leap year party at the skating rink, last week, drew a good crowd and is reported as being a good time.

Special sale and extra low prices on clothing and furnishings at J. F. Plummer's, Market Square.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones is reported as sick.

The leisure moments at J. F. Barrows' blacksmith shop are filled in with a game of checkers at which both of the Messrs. Barrows are crack players. It is nip an I tuck for the mastery, but at present, Frank claims to be several games ahead of Will.

A South Paris man is responsible for this statement of the cold's intensity during the frigid wave of last week. He avers that when he approached the stove, one morning, it was noticed that water in the teakettle on top had frozen solid. He lifted off the teakettle and looked into the firebox which was found to contain a plenteous supply of live coals, that helped in starting the fire for the day.

M. J. Quinlan is doing a good business selling a series of works of fiction, etc., on the instalment plan.

Wednesday evening, R. A. Weber lectured at the Congregational meeting house on social life in his native land Germany. He gave a pleasing talk and told many things that were interesting to his hearers. He will give a series of lectures on life in that country.

Go to Plummer's for footwear.

Chas. A. Hutchinson is visiting relatives in Livingston, Mass.

We were very glad, last week, to see our old neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hartwick, now of Millbury, Mass. They stopped with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tucker. Mr. Hartwick did a very successful business with Mr. Holden a few months. Spring Sat. Washer, here, during the past year and his straightforward and open-handed manner of doing it won for him the confidence and respect of his many patrons and friends. We are sorry to say that their regret that this visit among old friends must be so brief.

Mrs. Louise Durgin is gaining. While her mother has been caring for her, her father has boarded at Frank Barrows'.

Judge Sanford I. Fogg of Bath spent Sunday with friends in this place.

Fred W. Warren, the Buckfield electroplater, was in town on business, last week.

The following pupils of the Intermediate school were not absent a day: First Class, Addie Giles, Bessie Bassett, Lizzie Harris, Fred Royal, Earl Hanlow, Ernest Harlow, Allie Marston, Howard Shaw, John McArdle, Lizzie Murphy, Mildred Kenney, Roy Cole, Walter Tuttle, Walter Shurtleff, Scott Marston, Isaac Child, Frank Bonney. Second class, Allie Monk, Bertie Davis, Eva Child, Faith Chapman, Hattie Jenne, Mabel Stiles, Lester Farrar, Ronello Farrar. Third class, Jennie Stinchfield, Fred Record, Lou DeCoster, Lottie Giles, Maud Wormell, Wallie Clifford.

Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., have a new and beautiful set of robes for their working officers, and we hear it said that the membership is exceptionally fine work in what is known as the long form.

Somayou Zea Clayon, a student of Bates College, will lecture at the Congregational church, Sunday evening. He is a native of Armenia and will talk about his native land. He is studying to fit himself for a missionary.

O. G. Curtis and W. M. Shaw attended the yearly encampment of Maine Division, G. A. R., at Bangor. Their wives accompanied them to the annual meeting of the State Relief Corps.

N. D. Bolster & Co. closed their store on Wednesday to take stock.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Purington died, Sunday.

W. W. Small of the Rumford Falls Times was in town, last week.

Marshall N. Stearns, a native of this town, is president of the Society of Sons and Daughters of Maine in Cambridge, Mass.

The Sons and Daughters of Maine, at the nations capital had their annual meeting, Wednesday. Nearly a thousand people were present. There was a big collation and lots of speeches. Among those who went from this vicinity and are members of the society we read the names of former Paris people:

Ex-Governor Sidney Perham, president of the society;
Dr. Ella S. M. Marble, one of the vice-presidents;
Ex-Postmaster General Horatio King;
Prentiss King, principal of Wayland Seminary;
Dr. Ernest F. King.

ELM HILL.—Mrs. A. J. Foster has so far recovered as to be able to ride out.

A. J. Foster has exchanged horses with George Twitchell.

Mrs. H. L. Swift has been on the sick list for several weeks. Her mother, Mrs. E. J. Libby is caring for her, at present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webber attended the funeral of their neice, Annie Stevens, at Lewiston.

We understand that Henry Bradford has been presented with a cow.

Report says that L. M. Tufts has disposed of his fleet below the schoolhouse to Prentiss Crockett.

Maude Bradford is at home for a few weeks.

PORTER NEIGHBORHOOD.—A. E. Marshall is hauling wood to Norway for Millett Bros.

Fred L. Young of Norway has come to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Barrows.

Perley Rawson has gone to Auburn to work a month for J. L. Bridgham.

Otis Rawson is at work in a shoe shop in Haverhill, Mass.

Mrs. E. L. Jordan still remains in a very feeble condition.

Mrs. A. W. Hammond and sons of Berlin, N. H., are visiting in town.

RUMFORD.

We think the town report shows faithfulness in behalf of the town officers.

School has closed in most of the districts, and the high school began at Rumford Point. Quite a number attend from this place and Red Hill.

Asbury Hoyt and Wilder Kimball are hauling spruce for the Glover Brothers from S. S. Blodgett's place to Ellis River.

No further trouble is expected from Add Lufkin, as he has been proved crazy and taken to Augusta.

BETHEL.

Bethel steam mill spool mill is still shut down.

Dr. Reed was at A. Lamer's, last week.

Mrs. Liddie Lombard is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis Sanborn.

Walter Davis was at home, last week. He says he will get through his job in three weeks. He will cut and haul 1,200,000 spruce, this winter.

22 below zero here, Tuesday morning.

Colds are raging around here.

Quite a lot of pulp wood is being landed on the river bank at Bethel steam mill.

Mrs. Parchard has hooked seven rugs, this winter.

Died in Worcester, Mass., Feb. 25, very suddenly of angina pectoris, Dr. J. Bartlett Rich, aged 51 years and 6 months. Dr. Rich was the son of J. G. Rich, esq., of Bethel, and had been connected with the Worcester City Hospital for the last 25 years, for 16 years as resident physician and the last few years as head surgeon of that institution. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. He carried a lucrative practice and worked up to within a few days of his death. Dr. Rich was a graduate of Bowdoin College and also graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in Medicine, Surgery and Anatomy.

The following pensions have been allowed through the Bethel pension office of J. G. Rich:—Increase, Dennis W. Cole, East Bethel; original, Mrs. Benjamin Baker, Albany, $14 a month and $200 back pay.

Ezra Staples of Carthage was in town on business, the first of the week.

Work began, Monday, tearing down the old mill on Mechanic Street.

The G. T. R. run their big wing plow through this way, Monday.

P. C. Parker has gone to Carthage to work.

E. E. Whitney & Co., the marble and granite dealers, received a car load of the Kilkenny granite, last Saturday. It was the finest lot of monumental work seen in this part of the county. The lot contained both the dark and light granite.

Edith and Sadie Abbott are spending their vacation with their parents on Swan Hill.

J. M. Philbrook went to Brighton with a full car of cattle, Monday.

Goddard Brothers are painting the scenery for the drama "Paris" to be presented by the Good Templars.

Remember the Good Templars' entertainment, this (Thursday) evening at the W. R. C. Hall at 8.15; cake and coffee.

Dr. and Mrs. Gehring arrived last Wednesday evening.

DR. TRUE RESIDENCE BURNT.

The beautiful residence of Dr. Gehring, formerly the residence of the late Dr. N. T. True on Broad Street, was destroyed by fire, last Wednesday forenoon about nine o'clock, together with most of their clothing, one piano, a large part of the beautiful furniture, dishes, and many articles of the late Dr. True and articles which were purchased abroad by Dr. Gehring.

It was discovered in the basement and before an alarm could be given the flames had made such headway that it was impossible to save anything only in the front of the house.

Both fire companies and the H. & L. company were quick to respond and they did noble work. Seeing the house must go they turned to the stable and saved it by cutting out a shed that connected it to the house.

The loss cannot yet be estimated but will be heavy. Insurance about $5,500.00 in Freeland Hoyt's Insurance Agency at Norway.

GROVER HILL.—Travelling is quite poor.

Lyon Bros. sawed ice for L. N. Bartlett, Monday.

Orrington Pingree of Rumford was in town, one day this week.

We notice that Freddie Wheeler attends to road breaking, while the Grover Bros. are teaming.

Walker Bros. passed through this section, last Sunday.

A. J. Peaslee went to Gilead on business, last Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Peaslee has been quilting a quilt on her sewing machine.

EAST HEBRON.

Every one is busy and improving the snow, fearing it will not hold on as late as usual.

We have some aged people left among us that still retain sound minds and quite good memory, James Fogg aged 90, Mrs. James Fogg aged 88, and Mr. Cushing Phillips aged 84.

Dr. L. E. Brown's mother has been ill, the past week. She has not been able to leave her room for several days. Mrs. Merrill their present housekeeper, will not remain with them but a few weeks, but will return to her home, as soon as her husband finishes canvassing.

Mrs. Willis Berry performs some light labor around the kitchen, setting tables washing light dishes and etc.

Lena Keene, gained finely last week, but has had another attack of her old trouble.

Mrs. Baker Phillips is a very little on the gain but is very weak and sick one would scarcely regognize her, that had not seen her for a few weeks, she has changed so rapidly.

The other sick remain about as they have been.

Origin Merrill in the place.

School closed in Beals district, last Friday. Charles Skillings teacher, his students are greatly attached to him.

Albert Merril and A. M. Fogg attended Probate Court in South Paris, last week.

James Young last a good road horse last week, it was not sick but a few hours.

Mrs. Leon Snell's baby is sick with measles.

Mrs. Shurtleff of South Paris is stopping a short time with her sister Mrs. G. F. McKenney. Mrs. M. is somewhat on the gain, her doctor says.

Ice out now is said to be superior to any cut for several years. It is very thick and clear.

Willie Packard has a hired man, that come along. No one knows of him or his name except his own word.

Horace True's singing school will close, Friday evening.

The boys are looking around to hire out for the coming season. A few have been hired.

NORTH-WEST BETHEL.

Calvin Cummings went to Albany, Monday, and brought his little boys, Freeland and Sherman, home. They have been spending some weeks with their aunt, Mrs. Milford Phelps.

Three veal calves were sold from this neighborhood, this week.

Wm. Chapman sold three cows recently. They were shipped to Brighton.

Lumbermen are rushing their timber, now they have snow.

Bert Tyler is at Groveton, working for his brother, John A. Tyler, M. D.

Grace Chapman, a nurse in the Maine General Hospital, called on friends here, Sunday.

Warner Kendall, a G. T. R. R. brakeman, is occasionally seen wending his way across the fields in the direction of N. S. Stearns' residence.

E. S. Skillings was here to spend Sunday with his wife and daughter.

James Tyler and wife made a trip to Paris, this week.

Irving Wilson is hauling birch for Orin Ellingwood.

Jack Downy is working on Sunday river.

Dana Hall is hauling timber for Eben Chapman.

Henry Schools is having a serious time with abscesses on his face and neck, has not been able to do any work for some time.

WEST BETHEL.

Frank Goodnow of Gorham, N. H., was in this vicinity, last Saturday.

Loy Eyster has returned and is welcomed by his many friends.

John Rollins' aqueduct has frozen up and he will have to go some little distance to get his water.

Charlie Abbott and wife were seen riding out last Sunday. He drives a pretty good team.

O. J. Pitts is at work at Locke's Mills.

Will Kerr passed through this village recently with teams moving his household goods from Gilead to Rumford Falls.

We are informed that Lillian Kimball of East Bethel is now at Gorham attending the Normal School, where she has been several terms before and, it is reported, she will graduate next June. Miss Kimball is a very fine teacher, having taught two terms in this village. She was very much interested in all her duties as a teacher and worked hard for the welfare and advancement of her scholars and gave good satisfaction to all parents, who had good interest for the benefit of their scholars. It is the wish of many that she may teach here again some time in the future.

George Harden has been pretty sick for several days but is now some better.

Harry Pitts is at work with W. D. Mills at A. S. Bean's blacksmith shop.

Town meeting, next Monday, and it seems to be the desire of the voters of this vicinity that Charlie Abbott be elected as road commissioner again as he takes an interest in the road and attends to the duties of his office.

Allison Brown is hauling birch from the bog to A. S. Bean's mill. It is quite a long distance but he gets there just the same.

Lysander Ordway has got up quite a big wood pile.

Fred Andrews has one flock of sheep and several of them have got lambs.

A. J. Peaslee of Grover Hill was in this vicinity, last Saturday.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mrs. Emma York is home from Biddeford where she has been visiting some of her children.

Henry E. Bean has moved his family to Rumford where he has been at work all winter.

Winslow Bisbee recently bought twenty-five fine sheep of B. G. McIntire.

Charles Moore is home from Rumford where he has been at work in the woods, this winter.

D. M. Winskell intends to start his mill saw soon. He has quite a lot of birch and hard wood to saw, this spring.

Llewellyn Barton, a former principal of Bridgton Academy, but now a practising attorney in Maine's metropolis, has been elected treasurer of the Portland Young Men's Democratic Club.

THE BICYCLE GIRL.

She glides like a dream from my vision
In the morning all dewy and gray,
A nymph from the gardens Elysian
She dashes and flashes away!
Past meadows and groves, where the singing
Of birds is the sweetest of lays,
My heart hears the silvery ringing
Of the beautiful bicycle bells!

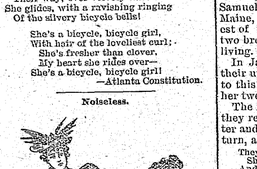
She's a bicycle, bicycle girl,
With hair of the loveliest curl;
She's fresher than flowers
My heart she rides over—
She's a bicycle, bicycle girl!

Her cheeks with the crimson is glowing
With all that the rose could impart;
She's heaven and wanton blowing
A kiss and a curl to my heart!
Past meadows, where wild birds are winging
Their way, she flies like the gales
She glides, with a ravishing ringing
Of the silvery bicycle bells!

She's a bicycle, bicycle girl,
With hair of the loveliest curl;
She's fresher than flowers
My heart she rides over—
She's a bicycle, bicycle girl!

—Atlanta Constitution.

Noiseless.



Dolly De Mure—Charlie Smoothe was trying to kiss me behind the screen.

Clara Caustic—I wondered why you were so quiet.—Truth.

Bismarck and the Doctor.

Prince Bismarck is fond of asking questions, but does not like to answer them.

On one occasion the chancellor called in a young physician who, indifferent to his patient's rank and prestige, coolly proceeded to put him through an exhaustive professional examination.

Bismarck became impatient and finally declared he would not answer another question.

"Very well," calmly replied the doctor, "if you do not want to be questioned, you had better send for a veterinary. He is accustomed to treat his patients without requiring answers from them to any questions."

The audacity of the young doctor caused the chancellor to remain dumb for a moment. Then he grimly said, "If you are as skillful as you are impertinent, young man, you must be a great physician."—London Million.

Would Accept Blanks.

A rural visitor at a Fourth avenue restaurant the other day had his first experience with waffles. He had stumbled upon them, somehow, in the bill of fare and seemed to be overjoyed with the flavor of the novel edible. So great was his power of waffle consumption that he kept his waiter at a lively pace between his table and the kitchen. Even then the waffles didn't come fast enough to keep up with his appetite, and he made this helpful suggestion to the waiter:

"Say, mister, bring along them cakes a little faster, can't you? They're powerful good eatin, in I don't goin to stop till I git them full. Tell the feller out there that he needn't stop to put that printin on 'em; jest send 'em in plain."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Alligators.

An American naval officer, wishing to bathe in a Ceylon river, asked a native to accompany him a place where there were no alligators. The native took him to a pool close to the estuary.

The officer enjoyed his dip. While drying himself he asked his guide why there were never any alligators in that pool.

"Because, sah," the Cingalese replied, "they plenty 'fraid of shark."—Youth's Companion.

Entirely Different.

"I always call that dog of mine Lame Conclusion," remarked the contrary man, "because"—

"I know," interrupted the amiable man, "because he doesn't follow. Ha! Ha! Very good! Very"—

"Not at all, sir. Not at all. I call him that because he has a broken tail," snarled the contrary man.—Chicago Tribune.

An Ardent Wooer.

"Give me one kiss at parting, dear," said young Mr. Dukane to his sweetheart. "Give me but one, and I'll ask for no more."

"But you won't be satisfied with one," replied the maiden.

"True, but I'll take the rest without asking."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

NORWAY LAKE.

The days are two hours and a quarter longer. The moon runs high and the winter won't rot in the sky. Mercury is the bright morning star till April 18th.

The ladies' circle met with Mrs. L. A. Bradbury on Wednesday afternoon. Owing to sickness in the neighborhood the attendance was small. At the last meeting, Mrs. Frank Partridge was chosen president. Mrs. L. A. Bradbury read a paper on "Woman and her work."

C. O. Godwin of Waterford called, the other day, on his return from court. He says that Capt. Whitmarsh and the writer were free to express their estimation of his holiness the side religion is counted on in these degenerate days. Charles looks on the best side of things as they show up in this lower world, and as an entertainer he is a host in himself, and he has the knack of telling a polished story so to appear true and sound complete.

John A. Keen is sick with heart trouble complicated with a touch of the grip. His wife is quite ill with pneumonia but both are said to be more comfortable.

A handsome species of bird unknown to us trilled a note close to our door, one of the coldest zero mornings last week. "The sober-suited songstress trills her lay."

Birney B. Pottle has arrived home from Lynn and we learn he will do some work for J. W. Parsons in the wooods.

J. F. Bradbury has been taking account of stock and thoroughly cleaning the store.

The teaming business is going ahead for all it is worth in these latter winter days. We not often get much good sledding in March.

W. W. Pride will put another story on his house, this spring. Mr. Pride and his son Walter are now getting out the timber and having the lumber manufactured for the purpose.

A letter of late from Mrs. S. E. Shedd informs us that her health is quite good. The winters there are cloudy and rainy and the temperature seldom falls below freezing and the green as in June.

Albion Buck shows us a photographic group of his three grand-children, Arthur, Ralph and Hattie French, who reside in Jay, and all pretty.

DIXFIELD.

Mrs. Jane Newman has returned to her home in Vermont.

Charles Luce and wife are stopping at her father's in Peru for the present.

Mrs. Henry Luce has been very sick but is slowly gaining.

Ellie Dunham remains about the same.

Geo. Newman's health is poorly, this winter.

Bert Paul is at work for Wm. Drown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paul visited her sister, Mrs. Elon Dailey, last Sunday.

Guy Holman has been visiting his cousin, Clyde Paul, for a few days.

The Dixfield amateurs played "Tony, the Convict" at Canton Point, Wednesday evening, to a full house.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Mrs. Labroke the widow of the late Geo. Labroke is in very poor health, I understand.

As Chas. Rich was tying up his oxen last Sabbath, one of them stumbled and fell against him in such a manner as to break one of the bones in his ankle and fractured the other. A physician was speedily summoned who set the bone and dressed the limb. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Some new cases of the whooping cough were reported last week.

Timothy Jewett of Bethel was in town the first of the week.

Very good sledding and the lumbermen are improving it.

Crows were heard in this vicinity last Monday.

Mrs. George Bronell is quite poorly.

Will Knights has recovered from his lameness, so as to be out again.

DENMARK.

The Rossini Quartet of Bridgton and a lady elocutionist gave a concert at Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday evening, the 17th, and was reported very fine.

Another of our good Denmark girls, Georgia Gore, was married to Charles Clark, of Hiram, Sunday, the 16th, by Rev. Mr. Sargent.

Clara Davis is stopping at Mr. Witham's, helping care for Mrs. Witham.

Chas. Jordan and wife went to Norway, Saturday, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Frank Morrill.

Ezra Davis is on the sick list. We also learn that Chas. E. Smith is quite sick.

Herman Bartlett and wife went, last week, to Locke's Mills to visit his brother, and Mrs. Bartlett will also go to Portland to the hospital for medical treatment.

The hotel is closed at present.

Stephen Jewett and lady went to Canada a few weeks ago, and returned last Saturday.

FRYEBURG CENTER.

The farmers are busy hauling their potatoes at 15 cents per bushel.

F. H. Frye is slowly improving.

Gene Leavitt has rented a house of F. H. Frye and moved his family from the house of the late J. M. Knight.

Grand Ball at Wiswell's Hall, Monday night, March 2d. Seavey's Orchestra. Oyster and pastry supper.

Hazen Walker and wife of Rumford were in the place, last week.

OBITUARY.

Alvin McKeen was born in Fryeburg, Oct. 8th, 1822, and died Dec. 7th, 1895, aged 73 years, 1 month and 29 days.

His whole life was spent in the same section of Fryeburg. He married Miss Weeks of Porter, Oct. 17th, 1847, with whom he lived most harmoniously for more than 44 years, as she passed to her heavenly home in May, 1892. About the year 1870, he was converted and baptized by Rev. A. Hatch. Soon after, he united with the Congregationalist church in Lovell, and was ever a most exemplary member. He, however, was not a bigot and loved all of God's people. As he lived near the M. E. church, he quite regularly attended, and his voice was ever heard in their social meetings.

After the death of his wife, the infirmities of old age rapidly increased but he was able to work until his last sickness. His disease was pneumonia and his sufferings were great but his trust in God was perfect and his end was peace. His funeral was attended in the Harbor church by Rev. Mr. Young and Rev. G. W. Barker. The floral offerings were beautiful, and the large congregation felt that an upright and prosperous man of business, a pillar in the church and a kind neighbor and loving friend had been taken from earth to heaven. He leaves a deeply afflicted son and adopted daughter with their families. A sister, Mrs. Barbour, in a few days follows him to the "better land."

BIRTHS.

In Paris, Feb. 22, to the wife of Joseph Elliot, wood, a daughter.

In South Paris, Feb. 24, to the wife of George E. Hawes, a daughter.

In Rumford, to the wife of Edgar Delano, a son.

In Albany, Feb. 13, to the wife of L. G. McKeen, a son.

In Mexico, Feb. 14, to the wife of Charles Forten, a son.

In Rumford Falls, Feb. 20, to the wife of John C. Swasey, esq., a daughter.

In Norway, Feb. 17, to the wife of Benj. Hamilton, a daughter.

In North West Bethel, Feb. 8, to the wife of Calvin Cummings, a son.

In Norway, Feb. 25, to the wife of Asa D. Swift, a son.

MARRIAGES.

In Denmark, Feb. 12, by Rev. Mr. Sargent, Charles Clark of East Hiram and Georgia Gore of Denmark.

In Bethel, Feb. 19, by Rev. Mr. Jordan, Frank Brown and Edith Philbrook.

In South Paris, Feb. 20, by Rev. R. J. Haughton, at the home of the bride's parents, Elwood L. Powers of Hanover and Ellen M. Foster of South Paris.

In Andover, Feb. 17, by Rev. Will H. Varney, Ransom D. Wyman of Rumford Falls and Mrs. Georgie J. Thomes of Canton.

In Hanover, Feb. 11, F. Powers and Mrs. Nettie Smith, both of Hanover.

DEATHS.

In Norway, Feb. 25, W. W. Gary, aged 76 years.

In Concord, N. H., Feb. 17, M. L. Burr of Rochester, N. H., aged 74 years.

In South Paris, Feb. 23, Reba May, infant daughter of Walter W. and Agnes Purington, aged 3 days.

In Paris, Feb. 22, Mrs.

SILENT JAMIE

OR, AN ARMCHAIR TRIP TO THE PYRENEES

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A stable was to Jamie what a drawing room would have been to one of his more civilized brother officers. He felt literally at home in the stable; the absence of conventionality there and something in its very odor suggested congenial environment. He was in the habit of spending many hours, when he could manage it, with a straw in his mouth, surveying the equine race. He felt perfectly at ease in the company of horses.

On the occasion referred to, when he had left the room, Dick Townley, the private, laid down his knife and fork and for a few moments indulged in a quiet laugh. The sergeant asked him what was amusing him.

"I wonder when he's in the messroom at Regina," said the youth, referring to his departed superior, "if he eats with his knife as he does here, dips his fingers into the saltcellars and otherwise does so many extraordinary things? But I have forgotten—he is a married man, so don't suppose he will often honor the mess with his presence."

"You bet your boots," chimed in the little scout, who prided himself upon his superior manners. "When I down in Regina was once, the waiter in the officer's mess did in confidence communicate to me that on one occasion when monsieur was dining in the mess—the commissioner and a number of guests were there—he spilled his potage all over the table, used his fingers a la fourchette, and when those—finger glasses, I believe it is you will call them, were brought in he did stare upon them, and asked if there was going to be a christening match. Mon Dieu! These are pancakes magnifique."

"Oh, come now, you fellows," said the sergeant, who, however, could not conceal a smile, "your talk is of a highly treasonable nature. Why can't you leave your superior officer alone? By the way, we must not allow those women to send in food like this to us. It makes me feel horribly ashamed when I think of their kindness, considering our errand here; but, as the boss won't think of thanking them, I shall go in and do so myself later on. I wonder if we could annex a crossent saw somewhere. I don't believe in burning other people's firewood for nothing, but I noticed an outhouse at the back. Perhaps we could get a few logs into it and cut up sufficient wood for the whole lot of us. In the meantime I'm going out to look after their cattle in the corral. I wonder if they have any water in their buckets in the next room. You might just go in and see, Pierre. I wonder which of the women made these pancakes? They are superb."

Here Dick Townley said, without looking up, however: "You needn't bother, Pierre. I filled their buckets some little time ago."

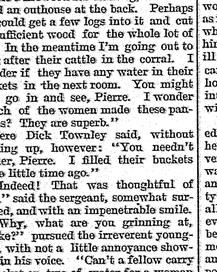
"Indeed! That was thoughtful of you," said the sergeant, somewhat surprised, and with an impenetrable smile.

"Why, what are you grinning at, Yorke?" pursued the irreverent youngster, with not a little annoyance showing in his voice. "Can't a fellow carry a bucket or two of water for a woman without you seeing something funny in it?"

"Oh, certainly, certainly; keep your coat on, my boy," was the answer, still with that odd smile. "I might have known that some one would be gallant enough to render a service in that direction. But you haven't told me what you think of Mlle. St. Denis yet, Dick. Don't you think a girl is bound to vegetate in such a place?"

Now, Dick Townley had no particular desire to discuss the merits of this girl with his comrade. He had somehow not thought the latter had sufficient interest in the fair sex to converse intelligently on such a momentous subject. His first impression, when he had seen Marie St. Denis, had been one of surprise and admiration at discovering such a paragon in such an unlikely place. Certainly he had heard rumors regarding her good looks, but had ascribed them to the usual delusive talk peculiar to mounted policemen, who in their isolated position, by a law of nature, take every bird to be a jay and the plainest featured woman the personification of female loveliness. Moreover, after the, to him, flattering speech he had overheard the girl give utterance to, he had resolved to cultivate her acquaintance. Being only human, and not wanting in worldly wisdom, he had refrained from openly expressing his admiration of her, in case his superior might take it into his head to step in before him and spoil a project and agreeable flirtation. It was, therefore, with not a little surprise he heard his usually reticent comrade ask him for his opinion of the girl. The ingenuous youth felt flattered and replied with an air of superior knowledge of the subject in question:

"Well, Yorke," he said, "since you've asked me for my opinion I'll give it you. I believe that girl's a brick, a regular little brick, and as good as she's good looking. I don't mean to say, either, that she's one of your milk and water sort, because I believe she's just as fond of a lark as any other girl. But where and how she has picked up her manners and style gets over me. Why, she would pass muster as a lady any day. I would not be surprised if there was a drop of good blood in her. She talks beautifully, and from her hands



"Oh, come now, you fellows."

and feet to her teeth and eyes there is not one faulty point about her. So far as dress goes, though she is simplicity itself in those dainty little white collars and cuffs of hers, there are infinite possibilities. To use a rather hackneyed phrase, she is 'a prairie rose.' But the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la, have nothing to do with the case.'"

And as if to divert attention from his rather eulogistic and somewhat rambling opinion he broke out into a well known Gilbertian rhyme.

The sergeant looked out of the window for a minute and smiled grimly. Then, as if impelled to say something, he said, in a tone that was meant to convey an impression of half heartedness in the subject, but was of a peculiar dryness and significance:

"And so she is a regular little brick, is she? And she is fond of a lark? In fact, as our superior officer would characteristically put it, she has several good points in her general get up. By Jove, Dick, she would feel flattered, I'm sure, if she could only hear your estimate of her. As for there being a strain of good 'blood' in her, as you remark—why, hang it, 'man'—and he turned suddenly from the window and faced the somewhat surprised youth—"talking about blood, did some of the names that even these half breeds have in this country never strike you? Don't you know that, generally speaking and in comparison with their numbers, there are more representatives of a noble and historical aristocracy in Canada than there are in France, though some of them are humble and poor enough now, goodness only knows? Now, just listen to a few of the names you meet with in this country—names that people have grown so familiar with that no one attaches any significance to them: Denis, St. Cloud, St. Arnaud, La Fontaine, L'Esperance, St. Croix, Xavier and many others. Why, the forefathers of some of these people our parsons hardly know were noblemen long before William the Conqueror took possession of Anglia. As to who her mother was I neither know nor care. Jeannette, however, says she came of good stock. But while we are on this subject don't misunderstand me; if the girl's name were Smith or Robinson, she might still be every whit as much of a lady as she is now—the 'rank is but the guinea stamp,' after all, and is too often put on decked inferior metal. But since you are on this racket I may say that she bears a name that is as good as if not better than most borne by our English aristocracy, and you advance the speculation that she has a drop of good blood!"

He stopped abruptly and laughed in a silent and significant fashion. Then he continued, as if arguing the matter out with himself:

"No; the race that took a score of generations to develop hereditive traits and patrician graces cannot have altered so much in two or three generations, even although the lot of the latter has been a hard to hard struggle with adverse circumstances in a strange, new country and with stern surroundings."

Then, as if conscious that he had betrayed a little more interest and warmth in his treatment of the subject than there was any occasion for, he added, with rather a feeble laugh:

"But all this is unimportant, and I don't care a rap for one woman more than for another. But at the same time I can't help thinking it is a confounded shame of old St. Denis to tempt Providence and bring disgrace upon the girl as he is doing, knowing that she is breaking her heart over it all the time. There is nothing of the money grub about her that there is about the father; she is good hearted, sensitive and proud, and, by Jove, she has got the right metal in her too! I never saw Jamie get such a complete taking down before, not even when the late commissioner snubbed him in the orderly room for trying to bully a corporal."

And here he broke off what for him was an unusually long speech and lit his pipe. He was unconsciously conscious of the fact that his talk was becoming of a rather wild and personal nature. He was also aware of the fact that by saying he did not care for one woman more than for another he spoke as if he had been charged with so doing, when, indeed, nobody had dreamed of hinting at such a thing. But now the ill concealed look of surprise and significant silence of his comrade brought it home to him that he had betrayed an interest in Marie St. Denis which he wished to avoid expressing, far less feel.

But there is no royal immunity granted from the promptings of the human heart. Artificial surroundings and conventionalities may shield us from many wayward longings, but give the princess an opportunity of recognizing an affinity in the person of the plebeian, then all the laws and philosophy of man that ever have been or may be brought to bear in assisting to destroy the attachment so mysteriously formed cannot and never shall remove that unseen but potent bond that links together two kindred souls. But there was no one going to interfere between Harry Yorke and any one whom he should chance to feel attracted by, unless, indeed, the impediments were of his own making.

But he made a common mistake in supposing that his own particular past and its experiences would make him proof against all emotional promptings in the future. His had been a natural enough if not a common experience. He had been brought up to better things than his station in life would now have indicated. He had enjoyed his brief but bright existence as a man of fashion and pleasure while it had lasted. But evil days, which come to most of us, came to him, and the only thing that would have saved him from ruin—marriage with a rich but proud girl—he had not the courage to essay. He told himself and truly that had he remained in his former independent position he would undoubtedly have asked her to marry him, even although she could show a sovereign for every shilling he could. But what other construction could the world possibly put on his conduct if he asked her to marry him, now he was penniless, than that it was purely sordid and mercenary? And what would the girl herself think? Perhaps about this time he began to regret that he had let so many golden opportunities slip, for he had really admired her. But it was too late; his pride was too strong for him, and he had left England without as much as saying goodby. In six months' time he heard that the heiress was married, and inconsistently he jeered at woman's inconsistency. Perhaps he did not know that the woman whom in particular he jeered at had hailed at first with almost satisfaction the news of his ruined prospects, for she had thought the gay world would not have the same hold on him and she might win a fuller share of his affections—indeed, she had been ready and waiting to accept him if he only brought a moiety of that desired love for her, and nothing else. She would win it all in time. But perhaps she had not understood him. She gave him every encouragement and sign of her preference consistent with a woman's modesty and self respect. But his overweening pride had blinded him, and he could not see things in their proper light. In an impulsive spirit, born of mortification and pique, she had married.

For some years, doubtless, his attitude toward women had been of a reprehensible and cynical nature. But latterly a more rational spirit had come to him, and he had seen clearly enough that he and not the woman had been in the wrong. But the experience had influenced him; perhaps not for the better in a worldly point of view, for it had deadened ambition in him and caused him to pass through life as if his highest object in it were merely the acquiring of strange and novel experiences. He thought he had done with the one great experience of life. He was not aware of the fact that he had deluded himself and that he had not really loved, for if he had he would either have married the heiress and snapped his fingers at what the world might think or else he would not have tamely submitted to a supposititious inevitable without making some endeavor to overcome it.

Doubtless the dawning of the truth upon him by the awakening of a feeling that he had not dreamed himself capable of brought home the accusation to him that in his concentration on self he had caused others to suffer. The natural laws of retributive justice may be slow, but they are sure. In the dawn of a new life that he struggled against he was haunted by the upbraiding shadows of an old one.

CHAPTER VII.

A couple of days had passed, the snow laden winds still blew fiercely, and the police party were kept close prisoners in St. Denis' ranch. As for the inspector, he continued to enjoy long spells of mental abstraction, lying on his buffalo robe on the floor before the stove, with his eyes fixed upon the ceiling. At long intervals, when he recognized the necessity of varying this species of entertainment, he would adjourn to the stable, where, sticking a straw in his mouth, he would keep the horses company for half an hour at a stretch. It was a redeeming point in his character that he seemed fond of animals. "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind." Surely nature made a mistake when she gave Jamie some semblance of a man. Had she, for instance, made him a donkey—a four legged one, of course—he might have posed as her supreme masterpiece.

As for the sergeant, he seemed strangely ill at ease. He could not settle to read. The friendly little wordy spar between his youthful comrade and the cheery little scout seemed to have lost all attraction for him, and as for indulging in conversation with his superior officer, as they had not two ideas in common, that was not to be thought of. The mere fact that the officer was comparatively uneducated would not have mattered in itself, but Jamie, having by contact with his brother officers become aware of his deficiencies, needed to expose his ignorance more than he could help. Moreover, being of a jealous nature, he imagined that when an educated man talked to him it was simply for the purpose of mystifying and ridiculing him. His normal condition, therefore, when with his intellectual superiors, was like a bear with a sore head. Jamie, however, would probably have liked to go into the other room and to see a little more of that interesting girl whom he had honored so openly by expressions of his admiration. But having heard the cunning little scout whisper to the private (as if he feared being overheard) that the dipper still remained full of boiling water upon the stove in the next room he lost all interest in the girl, and came to the conclusion that to talk to one in her position was derogatory to the dignity of an officer of the Northwest mounted police force.

The others had sawed and cut up sufficient firewood to last the little household for a month and stacked it neatly in one of the outhouses. They had kept the buckets full of water, thrown down some hay for the few head of cattle in the corral and done other necessary work about the place. Indeed in pure gallantry Dick Townley, in spite of the protestations and yarnings of Marie St. Denis (whom he seemed very anxious to favor with his attentions), would insist on one occasion on milking a certain cow that the girl warned him, though quiet enough generally, would probably resent the ministrations of a stranger. But the polite youth scouted the idea, and taking the pail from her hand started in to milk. When he picked himself up a few seconds later in a dirty and dazed condition from the neighborhood of the opposite wall and wondered where his cap and the pail had got to, he wisely concluded that it was a mistake and beneath the dignity of a mounted policeman to associate himself in any shape or form with such an ungrateful and stupid animal as a cow.

The sergeant on the afternoon of the second day, as if he could endure his own company no longer, had left his comrades amusing themselves according to their several ideas and betook himself to the next room. Marie St. Denis looked up from the book she was reading, and there was a quick and pleased recognition on her face as she saw who the visitor was, so perhaps, after all, there was no necessity for expressing it in words. Old Jeannette motioned him a chair near the stove and told him to sit down. The thoughtful and helpful ways of the troopers had commended themselves to her, and, moreover, when she considered that they were under the absolute authority of her pet antipathy, the inspector, her sympathetic nature regarded them with a great pity.

"I see you have still got the inspector's shaving water on the stove, Jeannette," said the sergeant cheerily.

"Sure, sure," said the old lady, "and the skunk will have it yet if he puts as much as his nose inside the door."

The girl had laid aside her book and was looking into the stove. Her two hands were folded on her lap in front of her. Through the mica slats in the stove the ruddy firelight gleamed and flickered upon her characteristically beautiful face and figure. She made a pretty picture. Then she gazed abstractedly at the glimmering of some of old Jeannette's burnished culinary appliances as they hung against the opposite wall, but she seemed diffident in regard to looking at her visitor. He again scrutinized her thoughtfully for a few minutes without speaking. He noted the erect and beautiful poise of her head upon those graceful shoulders, the smallness and faultless symmetry of her hands and feet, her clearly cut and expressive features, that faint suspicion of the sun's kiss on her soft cheek, and the simple perfection of her plain, dark, close fitting dress, only relieved by the dainty white cuffs and collar. Here was not merely a physically beautiful face, but it was an intellectually beautiful one, and not mere cold intellectuality—for intellect, in itself, is a cold thing—but there was in it that indefinable something that defies analysis—that which men try to express when they use the word "soul."

"What have you been reading?" he asked her at length.

"An Australian story," she answered; "perhaps hardly a woman's book, but it is an exciting one, and I have been reading it to Jeannette, who likes it immensely. There is an awful abyss in it called Terrible Hollow, where the bushrangers used to hide; it is the sort of place to haunt one's imagination. Now, you have been in Australia; if I recollect rightly you told us so once. Do you think there ever was such a place as that hollow?" And she looked at him inquiringly.

"I think there are many such places," he said simply, "and one in particular, called the Gross valley, in the Blue mountains of New South Wales, that the author took his description from when he pictured Terrible Hollow. Indeed, I spent several days in it myself in 1888."

"Oh, do tell us about it," cried the girl, her eyes lighting up with expectation. "This is positively interesting. Jeannette, didn't I tell you there was such a place and that if any one could tell us anything about it it was Mr. Yorke? Now, just imagine that Jeannette and I are a couple of big children, and that we are dying to know all about this place. Begin."

Perhaps it was the one thing that this usually reticent man most loved to talk about—the great works and wonders of nature that he had met with in the course of his nomadic career. And now he told them, in a simple, modest way that had no suspicion of pedantry about it, concerning this wild, almost subterraneous valley. As he warmed to his task he lost sight of his surroundings and described it with characteristic, graphic touches that held his listeners as if spellbound. They could almost believe they were in that faroff austral land. He pictured to them that great jagged rent on the tableland of the Blue mountains, that seemed to pierce into the very bowels of the earth, and whose sides went down sheer for 3,000 feet at a bound; how, viewed from the verge of this yawning, nightmarish abyss, the white limbed giant encalypti, immense tree ferns and monstrous fantastic old world flora, lurking in places where the sun never shone, were hardly discernible to the naked eye, and where, indeed, the pitiless, adamantine walls of rock made a twilight even in the daytime.

And how that cold and crystal stream that hurried through it, flung in the first place from the dizzy heights of Govett's Leap, pierced its way between cyclopean blocks of sandstone and through black subterranean passages—a veritable river of Styx—until it emerged into the bright sunshine again, on the other and lower side of the mountain, to form the Nepean river and help to swell the lordly Hawkesbury. Of such a place Milton or Dante might have dreamed.

To be continued.

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Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a Severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of all Kidney and Liver troubles and, often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. At Noyes Drug Store.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Lawson G. Frost and Miss Cameron of Boston are stopping in town, called here by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Harriet M. Frost.

Albert H. Williamson is visiting friends in Farmington.

Spring is coming. We have had evidence, both visible and olfactory, to that effect. Sunday noon, the first crows of the season sunned themselves in a tree top across the meadow along Pennesseewassee stream. Monday evening, a skunk was smelled by people near the fair grounds.

Geo. Kendall is talking of going to England where the Kendall heirs are.

Mrs. G. W. Gammon has gone to Hallowell, where her husband is at work.

Cyrus Woodman recently sold a nice beef cow to R. D. Gould & Co. Otisfield Gore. The cow weighs 1220 pounds.

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EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mrs. Dean Walker is visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs. L. R. Giles has been sick for the past two weeks with neuralgia but it is hoped she is a little better and will soon be up again.

Cora Giles has had consistits the past week and is still confined to the house.

Nathaniel Hill, a gentleman 84 years of age, has recently married and moved to Snowville, N. H.

Several of the students from Fryeburg Academy spent last Saturday evening with Effie Allard and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Ed. Pendexter has a good supply of sale work in his shop.

Mrs. Oliver Cotton has returned from Worcester, Mass., to spend the winter with her daughter. She is in quite poor health.

Clinton Warren is sick with the grip.

The Cong'l circle meets, this week, with Mrs. Hiram Gatchell.

The Maine Keeley Institute at Deering, Maine, is a genuine New England organization but closely tied to the Parent Office of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley in Dwight, Ill., where all Remedies administered by this Institute are manufactured (or prepared.) The Physician-in-charge is not only a regular graduate in medicine, but is a graduate from Dr. Keeley's office at Dwight, Ill., where he has received personal instructions, and for several months administered he Remedies under Dr. Keeley's supervision. Remember this Institute for a GENUINE KEELEY CURE. 37-10

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Wm. Heald has bought C. A. Warren's stand.

Joshua Heald's family were all at Fred Heald's, last Sabbath.

Olin Pingree is at work for Carl Heald getting out lumber for a barn.

Uncle Smith has moved up to Charles Coffren's.

Stephen Spaulding has got moved into his new house.

C. A. Warren stopped over night at his father's, last Saturday.

A large lot of ice has been carried away from Heald's mill pond, the past week. John Flagg saws it all.

Willard Mason is taking a new medicine and is feeling better.

George Bradeen and Amanda Flagg were at Mrs. Dunham's, last Sunday.

A Baby's Life Saved.

"My baby had croup and was saved by Shiloh's Cure," writes Mrs. J. B. Martin of Hunts ville, Ala."

Bert Austin shot a mink on the river, the other day.

Alton Dunham and wife were at Will Bisbee's, last Sabbath.

D. L. Farrar has been to Hartford on a visit, was gone one week.

Tom Bradbury has lost one of his span.

Mrs. Dunham has her year's supply of wood at the door, which she bought of Sid. Swallow.

Fred Heald has a very large lot of wood in his yard.

L. Record and Mabery Mayhew were at David Record's, last Sabbath.

Mrs. Laura Fletcher is making a wedding dress for a neighbor.

James Robinson from South Paris visited at Fred Heald's, last week.

Agnes Keene has gone to Mass.

A Quickly Prepared Dessert.

Although the Bellamy system of housekeeping has not yet been fully developed, the women of the day are to be congratulated upon the vast strides that are being made toward convenience and economy in housekeeping and especially as regards the home bill of fare.

In this connection, the Merrell-Soule Company, of Syracuse, has come conspicuously to the front with their None Such Mince Meat, a material for desserts, the prominent features of which are its wholesomeness, richness of flavor, and the remarkably short time in which it can be prepared for the table.

The ingredients of this Mince Meat are prepared by exact rule, and with the greatest care. In no kitchen in the land is there more scrupulous cleanliness. The choicest apples, and the selected meat are chopped by steam power; the currants are washed and re-washed by the same method. The raisins are seeded, the sugar ground, the spices mixed, and every operation performed with the skill that would meet the approval of the most particular housewife. The proprietors recognize that the immense sales of their product rest entirely on its being maintained at the higest possible standard, and it is their experience that those who try it once are unwilling to go back to the old laborious way of making mince pies, but accept the new order of things as thankfully as they do the sewing machine or the electric light.

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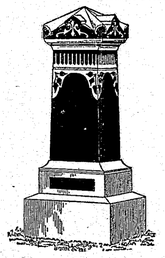

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Assets, Dec. 31, 1895.

Real estate owned by the company, unincumbered	$1,752,000.00
Loans on bond and mortage (first liens)	3,588,318.64
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value	1,091,025.00
Loans secured by collaterals	14,708.00
Cash in the company's principal office and in banks	415,291.18
Interest due and accrued	62,219.14
Premiums in due course of collection	845,782.10
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value	$8,670,434.06

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1895.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	$ 633,582.54
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks	4,075,773.63
All other demands against the company viz.: commissions, etc.	646,960.38
Surplus	3,314,117.56
Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus	$8,670,434.06

FREELAND HOWE, Agent, Norway, Me.

New York Plate Glass Ins. Co. of New York. ANNUAL STATEMENT for year ending December 31, 1895. Cash capital $100,000.00.

Assets: Stocks and bonds owned, cash and premiums in course of collection $282,837.47.

Liabilities: Unpaid losses, reinsurance reserve, commissions, etc., $119,260.50. Surplus beyond capital, $63,576.97.

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ASSETS.

United States bonds		$ 832,770 00
New York city and Brooklyn City bonds		1,103,159 00
Other city bonds		999,250 00
Railroad bonds		1,747,775 00
Other bonds		176,750 00
Bank stocks, railroad stocks, telegraph and other stocks		1,662,181 00
		$6,732,385 00
Cash in banks and office	$306,074 09	
Cash in hands of agents and in course of collection	418,702 31	
Accrued interest	7,307 07	
Real estate owned by the Company	25,000 00	
		847,634 08
TOTAL ASSETS		$6,580,069 08

Reserve for insurance in force	$2,501,90[illegible] 88
Reserve for losses	308,731 10
Reserve for all other liabilities	306,318 48
CASH CAPITAL	1,000,000 00
	4,166,082 46
SURPLUS beyond all liabilities	$2,413,986 62

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The school in district No. 5, Shadagee, closed on the 14th. It was taught by Minnie S. Rees of Bridgton who is one of our finest teachers. The term was 11 weeks. Gertrude M. Meserve, Hattie A. Edwards and Maud E. Burgess, got the prizes in their classes.

Ed Harmon, one of the young men of this town, met with quite a severe accident on Thursday last, while cutting timber in the woods, with Luther Edwards. Edwards, axe struck Harmon's right leg above the knee making an ugly wound in the fleshy part, in which the Doctor took 15 stitches. At last report the wound was doing well.

Allie Buzzell of Lynn, Mass., is visiting friends in this place.

O. D. Rose and daughter Nellie, of Bridgton, was in the place on the 15th.

The boys will begin making cans at the corn shop, the 24th.

James N. Eastman it selling out his groceries at cost.

Hall Edwards is hauling ax handle butts to Cook's Mills for George Hanscombe.

GREENWOOD.

PLEASANT HILL.—Rev. N. Hunt is holding religious meetings at the new chapel at Greenwood Center, with good attendance. One gentleman living quite a long ways from there brought his wife to meeting on his ox sled, last Sunday.

Henry Swan has had the misfortune to injure one of his fine horses.

Allie Cole bought a pair of geese, and brought them home. They did not like their new home, so they left for parts unknown, in the night.

Thaxter Doughty is drawing oak lumber for George C. Cole.

Wesley Ring is drawing cordwood to West Paris, with his fine span. So much teaming makes good roads over Rawe Hill, last Sunday.

Ira Ring has been sick with an ulcerated tooth.

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WEST BUCKFIELD.

Gus. Mayhew is hauling ice.

Tot Mason of Bethel has been with he sister, Mrs. Fred Bennett, a week.

Maude Stiles has been stopping with Miss Monroe.

Mertie Bonney has gone back to work for Ernest Damon.

Daisy Harlow is at home from Chase's Mills.

Will Harlow is at home from the sled factory.

Al. Swift was at A. M. Bonney's recently.

John Flagg and family were at Horatio Flagg's recently.

Douglass Farrar and Mertie Bonney were at A. M. Bonney's, Sunday.

Mrs. Flossie Whitman was at Wm. Harlow's, Sunday.

Mrs. Bradbury is quite sick.

C. A. Warren from North Sumner was at H. H. Buck's, Sunday.

Gertie Bonney spent a few days with her friend, Ray Russell, last week.

Harry Buck has swapped his colt Nicodemus for a cow.

Before and After.

He—I came here tonight with the distinct idea of proposing to you.

She—I am simply delighted.

He (eagerly)—Then you will accept me?

She—I didn't say so, did I? I said I was delighted.

He—But—

She (smiling)—But you haven't proposed yet. Don't forget that.

He—What do you expect me to do?

She—Something original. I am tired of all the old ways. One gets that way, you know.

He—I might begin with a statement of my assets and liabilities.

She—That is very circumscribed.

He—True. Suppose I should ask you to be mine?

She—Worse and worse. I can't imagine anything more commonplace. Besides, I wouldn't be yours.

He—Then you refuse me?

She—You haven't proposed yet.

He—But you have anticipated me.

She—Not at all. Even if I married I wouldn't agree to be yours—that is, not altogether.

He—One half?

She—You forget you haven't proposed yet.

He—And everything I've said goes for naught?

She (somewhat uncertain)—Why, of course.

He—Then I've changed my mind.

She—About what?

He (taking her hand)—About proposing, of course.

She—Then what are you going to do?

He—Kiss you.

She—What, sir, before we are engaged?

He (suiting the action to the word)—No. Afterward.

She—You horrid, mean, despicable thing!—Truth.

Rustic Wit.

In the town of B——, Conn., there is a factory where yarn is made. A stranger approaching the town one day in a buggy pulled up his horse and accosted a farmer who was digging potatoes on the other side of the fence.

"Can you tell me where the yarn mill is?" inquired the stranger.

"Certainly," was the reply. "Keep straight on till you come to the drinking fountain. Right opposite is a wooden block with three doors. The middle door is the one you want."

"Thank you," said the stranger and drove on. In due time he came to the fountain and sought the middle door of the wooden block, and it led him up stairs to the office of the local newspaper. The other yarn factory, the one for which he was looking, lay half a mile beyond.—Youth's Companion.

A Man of Honor.

The saloon door flew open, and the ragged gentleman struck the sidewalk with suddenness and all of his person from his heels to his hat.

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" asked the facetious passerby.

"Do?" Do, sir? Nothing. Do you think I would imbrue my hands in the blood of a common whisky seller's hireling? If he were only a gentleman"—And the ragged gentleman looked battle, murder and sudden death.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Power of the Eye.

Blazley—I was coming down town in a car this morning, and the conductor came along and looked at me as if I hadn't paid my fare.

Bizley—What did you do?

Blazley—I looked at him as if I had.—Roxbury Gazette.

Why Not?

Nell—Charlie Softleigh is a perfect slave to that Smith girl. He is tied to her apron strings.

Belle—Well, why shouldn't a girl have several strings to her beau?—Philadelphia Record.

A Foxy Man.

Mrs. Hicks—I'd like to know what you could have to say to that disreputable looking dog catcher.

Hicks—I told him if your poodle got lost to come around and I would give him a dollar.—Truth.

With Illustrations to Follow.

He—A bore like a microbe? I give it up.

"Because it takes a long time to freeze him out, but you can easily make it too hot for him."—Life.

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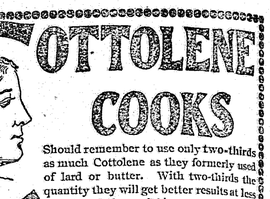

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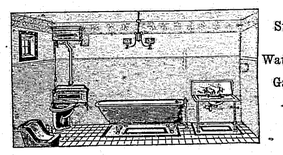

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UNION ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 36, meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. W. H. Knowland, H. P.; H. D. Smith, Sec'y.

NORWAY LODGE, No. 16, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Tuesday evening. Frank E. Williams, N. G. C. G. Mason, Sec'y.

WILDEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. Merton L. Kimball, C. P.; A. G. Mason, Scribe.

MT. HOPE REBEKAH LODGE, No. 38, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Leona G. Tubbs, N. G.; Eva M. Kimball, Sec'y.

HARRY PUNT, No. 84, G. A. R., meets in Ryerson Hall, on the third Friday evening of each month. S. Etheridge, Com.; E. H. Brown, Adjt. W. S. Cordwell, Q. M.

PENNESSEEWASSEE LODGE, No. 18, K. of P., meets in their hall, Hathaway Block, every Thursday evening. John W. Carter, C. C.; Merton L. Kimball, K. of R. & S.

A. O. U. W. DIVISION, No. 12, U. R., K. of P. meet in Pythian Hall, the third Friday in each month. A. J. Howe, Sir Knight Captain; A. Hebbard, Sir Knight Recorder.

NORWAY COMMANDERY, No. 27, U. O. G. C., meets at Ryerson Hall, 1st and 4th Thursday evenings of each month. M. H. Merriam, N. C.; Melvin Hutchins, K. of R. & S.

LAKESIDE LODGE, No. 177, N. E. O. P., meets in Ryerson Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. C. Julian Brown, Warden; Mrs. O. A. Holden, Secretary.

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SOUTH PARIS.

The neither Supreme nor Judicial Court held within and for Paris Grange adjourned, Saturday, a week ago. A number of civil cases were disposed of or put over. A case that attracted the most interest was one brought against a prominent member of Paris Grange charged with stealing a horse. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty for lack of evidence. The members of Paris Grange commenced a literary contest at the meeting, Feb. 22d. They also held a fair at Grange Hall, Feb. 26, afternoon and evening. Articles both useful and ornamental were on sale, refreshments served and a good time.

E. Louise Durgin of South Paris is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

SINGE POLE.—John Ryerson has been sick two weeks. He isn't able to work now.

William Harwick and wife were at Mrs. H.'s brother's, John Ryerson's, Friday.

Willie Holmes was at his grandmother's, Mrs. Mary Anna King's, Sunday.

Kate Hall and Gertie Shaw were down to Emery Mason's, Sunday.

Will Shaw has bought Frank Harriman's horse, Jim.

N. G. Elder is getting his wood to market.

E. E. Lander had a bad time with his aqueduct. It froze up Sunday night.

School closed Friday at this place.

Mrs. C. W. Shaw is on the sick list.

Mark Shaw and family were at his uncle's, C. W. Shaw's, lately.

Lillie Shaw is working up to Gorham, N. H.

Gertie Shaw is staying with Mrs. Anna Marston, a few days.

Rose Starbird is up to Greenwood.

Lovina Starbird has been visiting her sister, Mrs. William Lewis, in Norway.

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RUMFORD.

Geo. W. Stearns was at home, Saturday and Sunday.

Otis Howe made a short call on his daughter, last week.

Several are to attend the high school at the Point from this side of the river.

H. H. Hutchins was at home from the woods over Sunday.

Mrs. Asa Martin rode out for the first time since Christmas, Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with any thing. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by Noyes Drug Store. 6-0

NORTH ANDOVER.

Frank Torrey, a young man working in this place, cut his foot badly while chopping wood, but it is mending rapidly and he will soon be able to walk.

Carlton Hutchins is hauling his yearly supply of wood. He has a good team and can take good loads.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Mary Littlehale's health is quite poorly.

Mrs. Barrett has returned from Lewiston, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Liver Ills
Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work
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easily and thoroughly. Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

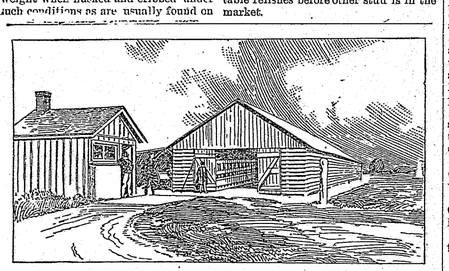
FARM AND GARDEN

CORN IN THE CRIB.

Trustworthy Information Concerning the Much Vexed Question of Shrinkage.

Many random statements have been made concerning the shrinkage of corn in the crib and the enormous losses thereby sustained by farmers who are so stubborn as to hold the crop for a better market. A number of experiments have also been reported. The principal reason why previous experiments are of so little real value is because they were made with insignificant quantities and under conditions which do not exist on one farm in a thousand. To be of value an experiment of this sort must be on a reasonably large scale and under just such conditions as are most likely to exist on a majority of farms.

Three John Downs of a tract comprising 6,000 acres of land decided to make a careful test and determine exactly how much corn actually does shrink in weight when husked and cribbed under such conditions as are usually found on



A CORNCRIB THAT SAVED $1,600.22 ON ONE CROP.

the ordinary farm. To this end, they erected, in the center of the tract mentioned, a double crib, 36 feet wide, 250 feet long, and 10 feet high at the eaves, with a driveway 8 feet wide through the center and a good, tight roof over all. Near one end of this crib a small office was built, and a set of standard scales put in. Husking began Oct. 22 and ended Dec. 17. Every day while it was going on every pound of corn that went into the crib was weighed and recorded. The quantity put in footed up exactly 16,155 bushels of 70 pounds each. From November to March the price offered for corn by local dealers was 38 cents per bushel of 70 pounds. June 1 the price went up to 53 cents, and the corn was sold, to be delivered at the elevator 3½ miles distant early in July. When the time for delivery arrived, the corn was weighed as it came out of the crib, and it was again weighed at the elevator, the total weight at the two places varying but a few pounds. The corn weighed 14,896 bushels 40 pounds when taken out, showing a total shrinkage of 1,259 bushels, or a small fraction less than 7¾ per cent.

It will be seen that if these men had sold the corn immediately after husking it would have netted them $6,138.90. By holding until it was sufficiently cured to be handled safely in great bulk and the lakes and other waterways were open to traffic, they realized $7,746.12, or $1,606.22 more than if they had allowed themselves to be frightened by the great shrinkage bugaboo.

There is a right as well as a wrong time to sell corn, says the writer of the foregoing in Rural New Yorker. He adds: If the crop is a short one and the price at husking time is what may be termed high, then is the time to let go. If, on the other hand, the crop is a "great" one and the price at husking time is below the cost of production, then is the time to hold on.

In this age of wire and slat combinations good cribs can be erected at a moderate cost. The main parts are the floor and roof. Get the floor well up from the ground, so that vermin cannot harbor under it and block it up so that it will not sink. Then put on a rainproof roof, and the corn will be all right. A steep roof made of common boards is better than a nearly flat one made of the best shingles. Get your portion of this "great" crop into good cribs, and then you can afford to smile at the shrinkage wail.

Protection From Rabbits.

A simple way of protecting trees from rabbits and similar pests is to take a wire screen, such as is used to keep out mosquitoes, cut into strips about 9 inches wide, coil the long way around a broom handle. Then, when trees are set, spring these coils around the tree, settle well into the earth, and make the lap on the south side. According to The Irrigation Age, these will fit tightly and remain until the tree is three inches in diameter. No need to tie the netting; it will keep its position if it has been properly coiled.

Scullion Onions.

The Philadelphia Farm Journal says: Some warm day plow a strip of land full of rotted horse manure and set it thickly with scullion onions. It must be on the south side of a barn, other building or fence for the greatest protection. Considerable growth will take place by spring, when the onions may be bunched and sold readily at a fair price as green table relishes before other stuff is in the market.

HOW HEAVY GRASS IS GROWN.

The Yields of Hay Obtained by a Progressive Massachusetts Farmer.

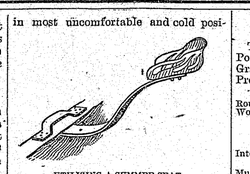
Among the noted grass producing tracts of New England is the Maple Croft farm of 45 acres, not far from Worcester, Mass. This farm is all in one field and at some time during each year every square foot of it is in grass. The soil is a deep clay loam, which the plow breaks up black and fine, and is free from stone and irregular surfaces. The hay, except that needed for four or five horses, is all sold from the farm. For 45 years the owner has maintained the fertility of his farm by the use of night soil collected in Worcester, and as a result of it he has the most productive 45 acres of grass land in New England.

As a rule he composts the night soil with dirt or whatever good material is at hand. In the spring, or whenever needed, it is spread broadcast by a Kemp manure spreader. When an acre of this land does not yield above three tons of hay, it is broken up and reseeded, the breaking following the cutting of a crop of grass. After breaking up and scouring a thorough pulverization by repeated harrowings, about 20 loads of night soil are applied to each acre. Then it is generally seeded to oats, which are cut for forage. The forage always sells for enough to pay for the labor and expense of breaking up. On the removal of the oats the land is reseeded to grass and has yet to fail producing a bountiful yield the following season.

Land seeded October, 1894, yielded more than three tons per acre in 1895. On an average the land continues for six years without a breaking up. The New England Homestead, from which the foregoing report is gleaned, also tells that the largest one acre yield of hay ever taken from this farm was 6 3-10 tons. The acre was measured and the hay weighed by prominent citizens of Worcester. The land is seeded exclusively to herdsgrass, and the growth is always free from weeds of any kind, a fact that greatly adds to the value of the hay.

A Good Seat In Winter.

Men usually provide a good seat on their summer carts and gears—usually a cast off mowing machine seat—but nit



UTILIZING A SUMMER SEAT.

tions on the winter sled when returning from a logging or wood hauling trip. The cut here reproduced from The Farm Journal shows a way to utilize the summer seat, slipping it out when ready to load and laying it on top of the load. When returning, the seat is slipped into place and a pin inserted. A blanket can then be thrown over one, and warmth insured.

Items In Potato Culture.

In a valuable bulletin on potato experiments from the Illinois station the assistant horticulturist says on the subject of distance apart of planting:

This has been made a subject of study in eight states, and the average of the results goes to prove the common practice among farmers to be correct. Hills have seldom given as good yields as drills.

In drilling potatoes, Michigan makes a distinction between planting whole potatoes and pieces and recommends for single eyes 12 to 15 inches apart, for half potatoes 2 feet apart and for whole potatoes 2½ feet apart.

Ohio says results show that rows should be from 2½ to 3 feet apart and the hills a foot. This is supposing one or two eye pieces are used for seed.

In 33 trials of hill as compared with drill planting in Michigan, the results were in favor of drills.

The New York experiment station at Geneva reports in favor of drill planting.

Wisconsin has found no material difference between hills and drills.

Potash on Grass Land.

There is little danger of applying too much potash as a top dressing for grass land. If more is applied than is taken up by the immediate crops, it will remain in the soil for the benefit of future crops. Clean bard wood ashes, dry, will contain 5 to 6 per cent of actual potash. Use 50 bushels to the acre. If kainit or German potash salts are used, apply 600 pounds to the acre. If muriate of potash is applied, use 300 pounds to the acre. Less amounts will answer for a single crop.—Maine Farmer.

Cotton Crop of 1895.

The cotton crop of 1895 is estimated by the department of agriculture at a little over 67 per cent of that of 1894, or 6,375,000 bales of 500 pounds each, against 9,500,000 bales last year. But the mean farm price of cotton is 7.59 cents against 4.9 on Dec. 1, 1894.

Stomach Trouble cured.

Rumford Centre, Me., Jan. 7, 1896. I have been troubled with my stomach and everything I ate distressed me, and I went without eating for several days at a time. I also had neuralgia in my head and shoulders. I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I can eat anything I wish, and I have not had a doctor since I began using this medicine." Mrs. C. R. Abbott.

Hood's Pills cure indigestion, biliousness.

EAST OXFORD.

Chas. Barney has returned to his work in Boston, Mass.

Minnie B. Caldwell has returned home from her school in North Wayne. One of her friends came with her.

Mrs. A. K. Thomas and daughter Helen have returned from Hebron, where she has been visiting her parents.

R. C. Thomas has bought him a horse.

C. H. Flood is hauling timber for Wallace Clifford.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds, and Lung Complaints; having used it in my family for the last five years to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgus, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial Bottles Free at Noyes Drug Store.

Pomona Grange.

The next session of Oxford County Pomona Grange will be held with Bethel Grange on the first Tuesday of March. Program:—

Forenoon.
Routine Work and Conferring 6th degree.
Woman's half hour. Question—What shall be a Woman's Work on the Farm? Opened by Sister Abbott of Bethel Grange, followed by Sister Emily Felt of Franklin Grange.
Intermission and Dinner.
Afternoon.
Music.....Bethel Grange
Question—How can we best carry out the Objects and Aims of the Grange, and what are its Duties in the Community. Opened by John F. Howe of Bethel Grange, followed by James Kimball of Albany Grange
Recitation.....Sister Susie Chapman of Bethel Grange
Recitation.....Sister Corn Lurvey of West Paris Grange
Recitation. Member of Pleasant Valley Grange
Essay.....Sister H. E. Carter of Paris Grange
Music.....Bethel Grange
Essay.....C. E. Valentine of Bethel Grange
H. C. Bacon, C. E. Valentine, committee; S. E. Jackson, secretary.

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Weak men suffering from nervous debility, weakened powers and exhausted vigor, can now take new hope, for there is something which will powerfully interest them. It is a fact that until now sufferers have been debarred from seeking a cure by the great specialists in these complaints owing to the cost of travel to the large city and the high fees charged by these eminent physicians.

Here, therefore, is a chance for weak men in our community which should not be lost. Dr. Greene, of 24 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., who has the largest practise in the world, and who is without doubt the most successful specialist in curing this class of diseases offers to give free consultation by mail to all weakened, vigorless and nerve-exhausted men. You have the privilege of consulting Dr. Greene by letter describing your complaint and he will, after carefully considering your condition, send you a letter fully explaining all your symptoms, telling you everything about your complaint so plainly that you will understand exactly what ails you. He will also give you his advice, based upon his vast experience and wonderful success in treating and curing such cases, as to just what to do to get cured. All this will cost you nothing and you can thus have consultation with the best known physician and acknowledged most successful specialist in the world, without leaving home and at no expense whatever. The Doctor is the discoverer of that greatest of medicines, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and he has discovered many other most valuable special remedies. Write to him now, for this is the chance of a lifetime to get cured which you may never have again.

LOVELL.

Fox's Hall was well filled at the circle, Friday evening. Music by members of the band. The comedy sketch, in two acts, "The Crowded Hotel," was presented. C. D. Chandler as "Miss Sally Parkins" made every one laugh with her funny blunders.

Town meeting is close at hand, and the question seems to be, "The old or the new highway system."

John Joscelyn is at work in the corn shop.

Charles Chandler is hauling the corn shop wood.

George Marston and wife were in Norway, a few days last week.

Aaron Jones of Sweden, is hauling some nice birch to Fox's mill. He drives a six ox team.

There were 4 new members taken into the C. E. Society Sunday night.

If asked the question "Have you got a stomach?" it would be safe on general principles, to answer "Yes." But, if you are sure of it; that is, if you ever feel any distress after eating or any pains of whatever description in the region of the stomach, you have got something more than an ordinary stomach; in other words, you have got a diseased stomach.

The stomach is a powerful muscle, and the proper remedy for a tired muscle is rest. Try the Shaker Digestive Cordial, for this product not only contains digested food, which will nourish the system without any work on the part of the diseased, organs but it aids the digestion of other foods as well. You can test its value in your case for the trifling sum of 10 cents. Sample bottles at this price are carried by all druggists.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Ronello Barrows of Canton and Gilman F. Whitman, of Bryant's Pond, have had pensions granted.

FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Geo. H. Shedd of North Conway, N. H., has been visiting Mrs. C. E. Harris.

Thomas Souther has gone to Massachusetts.

Dr. C. E. Harris has been in New York for a week.

Mrs. D. R. Hastings and Miss Hastings are in Portland.

Mrs. M. B. Barker entertained the Chautauqua Circle, Monday evening. The subject of the programme was "James Russell Lowell."

Miss M. W. Howe has returned to her school in Portland.

The athletic exhibition given by the academy students was very good and well attended.

Mrs. W. B Bradley attended the funeral of the late Miss M. F. Bradley.

Robert Locke of Portland has been in Fryeburg for a week.

The New Church Society gave a dramatic entertainment on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fife is visiting her son, S. W. Fife.

Mrs. H. H. Burnham has been in Lovell.

B. W. McKeen was home for a few days, last week.

Bertha Brown of North Fryeburg has been visiting friends in town.

His personality filled the place. Yet not because he was a fat man. It was his annoying cough. He cured it with Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam and sank into happiness and obscurity.

NORTHWEST NORWAY.

Rev. Joseph A. Cross from Pittsfield, Mass., who held an interesting series of meetings at the chapel at North Norway, the first of the winter, is coming back to Orin Brown's and will preach in the chapel, next Sunday, both forenoon and afternoon. He will stop a week to hold meetings.

Adelbert Walker has been quite sick.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb is gaining. Mr. and Mrs. Irish from the village visited her, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gary of Yagger are both sick with pneumonia. Mr. Gary is not expected to recover.

About thirty young people met at Orin Brown's, last Saturday, and spent the evening singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood French made Mrs. Lin Cox a short visit, one day this week, also Fred Pierce made a short call, last Sunday.

Lin Cox and Milbridge Holt are cutting and hauling their ice from the Hobbs pond. It is 20 inches thick and is A No. 1.

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is Shiloh's Cure. A neglected cough is dangerous. Stop it at once with Shiloh's Cure.

WEST PARIS.

Union meetings will be held here for two weeks, afternoon and evening, with evangelists Allen, Folger and J. F. Gibson as helpers, commencing Monday evening, March 2d, at 7.30 o'clock. All cordially invited to attend and help in the work.

Pills Do Not Cure.

Pills do not cure Constipation. They only aggravate. Karl's Clover Root Tea gives perfect regularity of the bowels.

NEWRY.

J. F. Coolidge is hauling birch for John Allen.

F. W. Walker of Rumford Falls visited at J. F. Coolidge's, last week.

Mrs. E. R. Lane is improving but does not walk on her foot yet.

J. A. Thurston is very busy in his mill, sawing stave timber. He has also a crew at work in his mill at Swan's Corner. The most of his men are boarding with Fred Bartlett.

There seems to be an epidemic going the rounds in this town. Nearly every family is afflicted by it but they call it the rug fever. No physician is needed.

Mrs. A. W. Powers is quite sick.

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BETHEL.

A pension has been allowed James O. Swan under New Law of eight dollars a month, through the Bethel pension agency of J. G. Rich; also through the same agency, Stephen Knight of South Bethel has been allowed an increase of pension.

EAST HIRAM.

South Oxford Co., S. S. convention meet at the M. E. church, Friday, Feb. 28th.

Mrs. N. E. Rankin and daughter, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Flint, here, has returned to her home in Lewiston.

Prof. Rankin has a full school at Lewiston Business College.

Mrs. H. Hoyt and son are visiting her mother, Mrs. E. E. Hanson.

Rev. Mr. Hoyt was called to his home in St. Johnsbury, Vt., last week to attend a funeral.

Sixteen from this place attended West Oxford local union of Christian Endeavor at Fryeburg, last Saturday, and say "The meetings were very interesting and we were royally entertained."

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Diseased blood, constipation, and kidney, liver and bowel troubles are cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Rev. S. S. York held services at the House of F. A. Flint, Sunday, Feb. 9th. Owing to most of the teams being at work in the woods and the storm, but few were present.

C. C. Wilson, of the firm of Bearce & Wilson, was in town, recently.

E. I. Brown has been up looking after the interests of the R. F. P. Co.'s business here.

John Shatney has gone out after another span of horses to haul timber, and Walter Buckman has gone to purchase a yoke of oxen for the woods.

Nora Wilson is at work for Mrs. F. A. Flint. Mrs. T. S. Flint is visiting at F. A. Flint's.

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Feb. 24—Leap Year Ball, Robinson's Hall, Oxford.
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Supreme Judicial Court.

A verdict of $1666.73 for plaintiff was returned in the case of Knight vs. Burnham. We gave an account of evidence, last week.

Walker.
Holt.
Wight.
Newell.

The most important case of the term occupied Thursday and Friday, Angus T. Sawyer vs. Rumford Falls Paper Co. This was a suit to recover $16,000.00, for the loss of part of the left hand while working for defendant corporation, in their mill at Rumford Falls on the 7th of last December. The question was that of employers' liability. Plaintiff alleged carelessness in failing to provide suitable, safe and well constructed machinery, shafting, belting and lighting apparatus, and further negligently and carelessly failed to employ competent and efficient superintendents, overseers, machine tenders, etc. The evidence showed that the mill and its electric lighting plant were run by the same water wheel. That if a belt broke the lights would go out, but the machinery was kept running just the same in the dark. The plaintiff was "third hand" on a machine, and was working at night when the lights went out on account of a broken belt to the dynamo. That the paper choked in the machine and his boss ordered him to pull it out by the light of burning paper. He did so, the paper giving way and letting him fall backward after the burning paper had gone out. That, falling, he tried to catch hold of something to save himself, and in the dark thrust his hand into the machine, where it was crushed so badly as to destroy four fingers and part of the hand. Defence was, that the plaintiff knew his danger and did not govern himself accordingly, and that the boss of the machine was a fellow servant of the plaintiff and not a representative for whom the company should be responsible. The pleas were exceptionally able. Judge Foster gave an exhaustive charge, thoroughly reviewing the different points of law. At 5.30 Friday afternoon, the jury retired and soon brought in a verdict of $4,250.00 for plaintiff. This is said to be the largest damages ever awarded by an Oxford County jury.

Noble & Crockett. Wilson. Smyth.

The following cases assigned for trial have been otherwise disposed of:

Smith vs. Grand Trunk Railway Co.; Weeks vs. Decker and trustees; Stanley vs. Brown; Skillings vs. Schofield, have been continued by agreement of counsel.

Berry vs. Fuller has been referred to T. S. Bridgham and O. H. Hersey. Thos. Bradbury vs. Horatio A. Flagg, an action of trespass, judgment rendered for plaintiff, and judgment satisfied.

James Lewis Kay and James Dunbar of Oxford have been naturalized as citizens.

State by complaint vs. Wm. F. Ross, intoxication, also assault and battery, appealed from a trial justice, quashed for informality.

Frank Ross and Tony Urbano, Italians from Rumford Falls, pleaded nolo contendere to indictments for maintaining liquor nuisances; sentenced $150 each without costs, which they paid.

Divorces decreed: Peter Blacquer from Bertha Blacquer, adultery; Swasey & Swasey. Alonzo Q. Coolidge from Annie S. Coolidge, cruel and abusive treatment and adultery; A. E. Stearns.

Four cases go to the law court: Morgan vs. Howland, by order of the court. Knight vs. Burnham, by defence on motion for new trial. Rand et al vs. Dudley, by defendant on motion for new trial on newly discovered evidence, etc. Sawyer vs. Rumford Falls Paper Co., by defendant on motion for new trial and on exceptions.

About 10 a. m., Monday, George A. Hodgney of West Boylston, Mass., was brought into court and placed in the prisoner's dock, the first person to occupy that position with a prospect of undergoing a jury trial. A large audience filled the body of the court room and the gallery. The Norway high school did not keep during the forenoon, and the scholars made a considerable portion of this audience. Through the courtesy of the Clerk of Courts, Judge C. F. Whitman, the lady teachers were offered seats within the bar.

After considerable delay and several consultations with his counsel, Judge George A. Wilson of South Paris whom the Court had appointed to defend him, Hodgney decided to retract his previous plea of not guilty, admit his guilt and throw himself upon the mercy of the Court, in accordance with the advice of his counsel. Judge Foster then said that in order to arrive at a clear understanding of the case, before imposing sentence upon the guilty young man, he wished the County Attorney to recount the facts upon which the State based its case against the prisoner, and for his counsel to state what he knew in extenuation of the offence to which his client had pleaded guilty.

County Attorney Smith said, in substance, that, last fall, the accused hired a team from one of John M. Cummings' livery stables to go to Oxford and return the same day. It was a very stormy afternoon, and although Hodgney did not return with the team quite so soon as he promised no particular anxiety was occasioned by his absence. When he failed to come back by the next morning, search was instituted. It was discovered that Hodgney had driven the team to the livery stable of Leander Wardwell at Oxford, where he represented that he was at work doing teaming at Lovell, and wished to exchange his horse for a heavier animal. After some conversation, he succeeded in swapping horses with Mr. Wardwell. Then he drove to Bearing and traded horse, carriage and robes with Wardsworth Verrill, a Portland policeman. He gave Verrill a sort of bill of sale of the property, to which document he signed the name of John M. Cummings because the carriage robes, etc., were so marked. The story of how State Detective A. P. Bassett got on track of Hodgney and arrested him in West Boylston, Mass., has been related too recently in the ADVERTISER's columns to require repeating. The County Attorney concluded by stating that Hodgney, as he understood, was wanted in other states for other offenses, and that his general conduct since his arrest—especially his refusal to recognize any of his acquaintances at Norway and the various assumed names under which he had operated in this county and other places—tended to show that he was a dangerous man to have in the community and one who deserved no judicial clemency.

Judge Wilson replied in extenuation of Hodgney, the prisoner at the bar, that he was a poor, friendless boy, 23 years old, whom force of circumstances had started on the downward road. He had been sentenced to 15 months in the penitentiary at East Cambridge, Mass., but had been pardoned after being there six months and six days. He left Massachusetts, to try to live a better life in another state, drifted to Albany, Me., and went to work for George Cummings, a farmer and milkman. Mr. Cummings spoke highly of Hodgney's faithful service while at work for him. When he finished his labors on the farm at Albany, the prisoner at the bar started to walk home. He got tired and perhaps his crime may have been committed from sudden impulse without sufficiently weighing the probable results of his actions. The Court sentenced Hodgney to one year and ten months at hard labor in state prison.

During the same forenoon, the Court granted Sarah B. Kimball of Greenwood a divorce from Gustavus M. Kimball of Hanover for the causes of desertion, cruel and abusive treatment and confirmed habits of intoxication.

Considerable discovered evidence concerning the suit of Rand & Tibbetts against Dudley, which was tried and reported in the ADVERTISER, last week. An appeal will be taken at the second day of the May term.

The second traverse jury was discharged, Monday afternoon.

Charles E. Beals of Byron was brought into the criminal dock to answer to the indictment for larceny of a trunk which the grand jury had found against him. County attorney Smith arose and addressing the Court said that the officer had been unable to find one of the most important witnesses for the state. In the absence of this witness he should be obliged to move that the indictment against Charles E. Beals be not pressed. Hon. James S. Wright, the counsel for the prisoner at the bar, replied that the missing witness might not be of much benefit to the state if found and wished to try the case of his client on its merits. The Court instructed the clerk to nol pross the indictment and discharge the prisoner without day, which was done.

Many of the ladies in the court room take off their hats. We hope this practice is like the measles, catching, and would be glad to see it epidemic.

Mary E. McGowan was divorced from Wm. S. McGowan, cause cruel and abusive treatment. The parties gave Sumner as their residence, as Mrs. McGowan has a small farm in that town. They have lived in Norway some two or three years ago and run a small boarding house on Danforth Steet. Mr. McGowan according to the evidence presented left his wife in destitute circumstances. About twenty-five of the shoe factory employees learning of her condition assisted her by means of a pound party.

Rosa A. Richardson was divorced from Eugene Richardson, cause cruel and abusive treatment. Mr. Richardson is a farmer, butcher and operator of a saw mill.

At 3, p. m., Tuesday, the court adjourned without day, ending the first term in the new court house.

MASON.

Ten inches of snow fell, Wednesday night, Feb. 19th, and old Boreas had a fine time piling it up, Thursday night and Friday.

Herbert I. Bean of Portland, son of Amos G. Bean of Albany, visited his uncle, F. I. Bean, the past week. He went from here to Norway to visit his brother.

Payson Philbrook of Albany was in town, the past week, looking for brown ash for baskets.

Frank Kendall of Bethel is driving Ernest Morrill's horse team, drawing the spruce from the Kilgore lot in the part of the town.

Donald Bean, son of H. Bean of South Paris, is visiting his uncle, Oscar G. Mason.

F. I. Bean and Elmer Stiles are drawing ash timber for Charles Brown to West Bethel to be loaded on cars for the Paris Manufacturing Co. of South Paris.

Warrants are up for town meeting, next Monday. Let us not draw party lines but elect our best men for our town offices.

Dr. Reid of Hartford was in town, the past week, selling extracts and essences.

Ella Tyler returned home from Harrison, last Friday, where she has been attending school, this winter.

Sewing Circle met Wednesday afternoon and evening with Nellie Bean. The evening entertainments are not stopped as reported.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

Mrs. Mary Dwinal has been quite sick.

Lola Bean attends school here since the close of her school in Milton.

The farmers here, who pack ice, fortunately finished up before the late heavy storms.

Edwin Abbott of Milton has cut the ash lumber on E. Doughty's place. It will probably be sold at West Paris.

The roads are badly drifted and there is very little travel.

The school in Billings district taught by H. C. Bacon observed Washington's birthday with flag raising and exercises appropriate for the occasion.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Geo. Stevens is hauling birch to West Paris.

Otis Curtis was in town, a few days ago.

The telephone broke down, the other day, but is now in talking order.

A. D. Bryant is hauling his hay from Snow's Falls.

Jesse Bryant is getting to be quite an artist in the wood line. He has made several knives and forks, also shovels, and is now working on barrels, all done with a jackknife and sandpaper.

Mr. Chamberlain has returned from Norway and is living in the house with Chester Beckler and his mother.

We understand that Woodard Benson is still confined to the house.

Perley Wyman is attending the Norway High School.

Crelins Kimball has been cutting wood for P. H. Wilson.

W. S. Davis and Frank are hauling logs from Spruce mountain.

Geo. McKeen still remains on the sick list.

The drama, "Out on the World," will be played Thursday evening, 27th inst.

Fred Henrickson has been at work in Paris.

Insurance men are quite plenty even up here among the hills.

A Voice from Waterford.

Clear, concise, comprehensive, creditable, commendable, and we doubt not correct, is what we find the town report of Waterford to be, which is just issued. It is creditable alike to those having the arrangement of the matter and to those having charge of the typographical work.

The management of our town farm will undoubtedly receive a certain amount of censure, criticism and condemnation, and that not without considerable cause. While we would not pose as a critic, and have no means of concentrating the Roetgen ray to get at the inside working of this business, and do not for a moment expect the farm to be self sustaining and a little more, we do not understand why there is a necessity for its being so much in arrears. Is there a farm in town, the profits of which will warrant an annual outlay $400 or more for labor? We think not. And if other farms in town of the size of this one should show an equally large balance on the wrong side each year, the owners of them would soon be bankrupt in the absence of a good sized bank account. The location of our town farm is all that could be desired for a home for our unfortunate and we are strongly in favor of maintaining a permanent home for them, but why not reduce the size of our farm until it shall consist of a very few acres? We have tried the large one and found it unprofitable. A very small one could not be more so and we should have so much less money invested.

The suggestions and recommendations of our school supervisor are timely and merit the careful consideration of our voters. We would not omit to call particular attention to the recommendation regarding Free High Schools.

While the children of many of those who in years past have been earnest advocates of the free high school, are fast closing their connection with the schools of our town, we are firm in the belief that these parents will be found on the right side of this question and will vote first, last, and all the time for this method as being the best possible for a judicious expenditure of a certain amount of money for educational purposes. And when the question of raising money for our schools is before the town at its next meeting, we hope that all selfish motives will be suppressed, and the sentiment will be found unanimous for that which is for the best interest of our children and our town—the free high school. TAXPAYER.

Feb. 26, 1896.

We would like a copy of your town report. Please send a copy to the ADVERTISER office, Norway, Me.

Advertised Letters. Norway.

Mrs. Sophia Dunham, 2. Mrs. Martha Kimball.
Mrs. Hulda Rose. Walter Andrews.
John F. Abbott. Dr. G. A. Clark.
E. W. Dyer. John A. Whiting.

WEST SUMNER.

Wm. T. Bonney, C. N. Ford, C. E. Handy and John Heald are hauling hard wood lumber to Buckfield for Young and Packard. One trip every day.

There was a Circle in the vestry, last Friday, with a baked bean dinner, and although a blustering day a goodly number were there. It continued through the evening when the young people had an enjoyable time. Next one day and evening, March 6.

A Baptist Circle in the hall, Thursday of this week, with picnic dinner.

O. G. Chandler is having a very painful sore on his leg that he hurt awhile ago. The doctor has lanced it.

Mary E. Howe has finished her school at Rumford Falls and is stopping with her grandmother, Mrs. Polly Howe, for three or four weeks.

L. L. Gardiner has the cold and cough which is going the rounds and which has stirred up old complaints so he is very sick. His wife has the cold with which and her anxiety she is nearly sick.

Lizzie Chandler has been quite bad off with a cold.

Wm. R. Glover, wife and daughter from Livermore Falls visited at Richmond Tuttle's and other relatives a few days, the last of the week. As Mr. Crawford was not here, Mr. Glover played for the dance, Friday night. A nice time.

Little Olive Keene from Dixfield is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Field.

Calvin Harden is no better.

Mrs. Ada Andrews from West Paris is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Lane.

Rev. W. W. Hooper will preach in the Universalist church here, next Sunday, March 1.

Died of consumption, Feb. 13, at her home in West Sumner, Annie E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barrows, aged 16 years, 4 months and 28 days. The darling of home, she was also a favorite with teachers, schoolmates and all her young companions. She bore her long illness with patience and sweetness, thinking always of the comfort of those around her rather than herself. She leaves father and mother, three brothers and a sister, with a large circle of friends to mourn for her; but while we shall sorely miss the bright face and winning ways of the loved one, our sorrow is softened by the thought, "It is well with the child."

WEST STONEHAM.

James Adams passed away at his home here, Feb. 17th, aged 67 years. Funeral was held in the schoolhouse, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. Baker of Lovell Center. Mr. Adams has been in poor health for the past two years but has kept around and worked. His friends did not realize how sick he was until four weeks before his death he sent for a physician who pronounced his case Bright's disease. Deceased was a member of the Advent church, was a good neighbor, a kind husband and father. He will be greatly missed in the neighborhood and by his family. He leaves a wife, one son and two brothers to mourn his loss.

John Adams is done work for Mr. Burnham at Lynchville and has moved his family home.

Olive Gammon who has been keeping house for Leonard Gammon since his mother's death is in quite poor health. Allie McKeen is caring for her.

Oswald Luck and wife from Bridgton visited at her father's, David McKeen's, last Saturday.

Fred Farrington from Fryeburg has been helping Daniel McAllister haul timber, the past week.

The West Lovell Library Circle meets with Mrs. Wm. Gammon, Thursday, Feb. 27.

BROWNFIELD.

The Hiram dramatic club presented the drama "Rio Grande" at the Town Hall to a well filled house, Wednesday evening. The characters were taken by the members of the club and Bennett's Orchestra of Brownfield furnished the music. All the parts of the play were very well rendered.

Mrs. Phil Boynton has a young daughter, also Mrs. Selden Boynton.

Miss Whitmore of Ashland, Mass., is visiting Florence Gatchell.

Mrs. Bradeen is spending the winter with Mrs. Major Bean.

John McDonal is on the sick list.

Mrs. G. H. Durgin who has been in Boston in the hospital to be treated has returned home and is very sick with but little hopes of her recovery.

A Different View.

Under the heading, Where is Our Republic, a gentleman from Buckfield contributes an article in last week's ADVERTISER. The burden of the argument in answer to his query relating solely to the new method of conducting our public schools. We fail to see the pertinence of the question.

He seems to have imbibed a few of the doctrines advocated by the new Populist party not to speak of some of a decidedly socialistic character.

We consider the district system as old-fashioned and out of date. It strikes us that the people have just as much to say under the new system as the old. Under the new, the voters of a town nominate and elect a man, presumably one who is competent to discharge the duties of his position. The choice is with the people as much as the choice of a school agent was and if they elect an incompetent man to the position the fault lies entirely with them. Why throw it on to other shoulders?

Besides in spite of the illustration about the possibility of electing a "moss back" or an ignoramus, any one with good judgment will bear me out in saying that it certainly is easier to find a few men who can properly discharge the duties appertaining to their office than to find one in every district qualified to do so.

We venture to say that under the new method, we secure better schools, more efficient teachers and better results. At least, this is the case in Norway, and if not in Buckfield we are sorry for her citizens. The idea that the change of systems threatens our liberties is, to say the least, puerile and nonsensical.

There is no possible reason why our school affairs should not be conducted in the manner prescribed by the new system as well as town or State affairs. The same system has been in vogue in Massachusetts for several years, and I have yet to hear of her citizens making any more complaint in regard to losing their liberties than those of any other State. Still, Massachusetts ranks among the very first of States in educational matters.

To judge from the article referred to one would almost imagine we were on the very verge of monarchism or even despotism, all because we do not cling to an imperfect and out of date manner of running our schools.

While we think with the writer that there is much need of reform everywhere, especially in politics, we cannot see what bearing the school question has on that subject. The system that produces the best results is the one to adopt, and until someone discovers a better one, we opine the present is the best.

In regard to the rest of his contribution there is not much to say.

There is no law, I believe, however, to prevent any man from buying books if he wishes to, and very few children who have sufficient forethought to keep their books for perusal after they have reached their "second childhood." There are still less who have the necessary romance and sentimentality in their make-up to care a great deal about referring to them, supposing they had preserved them.

Vacations were not invented for the purpose of study; and we venture to state there is not one child in a hundred who would study an hour if the garret or chambers were stuffed full of books. Imagine what a paradise teachers would enjoy if their pupils were made of that kind of material!

In conclusion, let me say, that if parents are anxious to secure the very best schools and teachers for their children, if they have their best welfare at heart and are anxious to secure for them a thorough and liberal education in order that they may be fitted equally with their followmen in their battle with life and life's problems, they will in every way support and promote the most modern and intelligent methods of education; those that have been tested and proved reliable and satisfactory in the highest degree. F. H. MAXFIELD.

North Norway, Feb. 22, 1896.

Town Reports.

PARIS.—Total valuation, $1,130,810.00; polls, 813; poll tax, $3.00; total commitment, $20,577.36; rate, 16 mills on a dollar. Expense of poor off from farm, $1,442.27; receipts at town farm, $634.77 and the expenditures were $915.85. Total liabilities, $16,730.79. Increase of liabilities the past year, $4,622.89. It is recommended that $12,916.00 be raised next year.

NORWAY.—Total valuation, $1,018,021.00; polls, 726; poll tax, $2.50; total commitment, $22,313.00; rate, 20 mills on a dollar. Expense of poor off farm, $319.76; receipts at town farm, $790.63; expense of farm, $1,244.93.* Total liabilities, $24,425.24; Increase of liabilities the past year, $4,151.82.

WATERFORD.—Total valuation, $250,111.00; polls, 206; poll tax, $3.00; rate, 16 mills on a dollar; total commitment, $5,770.02. Expense of poor away from farm, $342.75; receipts at farm, $640.83; expense at farm, $860.08. Total liabilities, $1,849.68. Decrease of liabilities the past year, $157.08.

FRYEBURG.—Valuation, $780,188.00; polls, 409; poll tax, $2.00; rate, $10.70 on $1,000; total commitment, $9,262.89. Expense of poor away from farm, $864.10; receipts at farm, $185.63; expense at farm, $709.25. Current liabilities, $1,177.30; bonded debt, $16,000.

LOVELL.—Valuation, $373,712.00; polls, 241; poll tax, $3.00; rate, 12 mills on a dollar; amount of commitment, $5,262.44. Poor away from town farm, $247.81; receipts from farm, $350.77; expense at farm, $925.62. Liabilities, $1,058.90. Decrease in liabilities the past year, $201.93.

ALBANY.—Valuation, $115,683.00; polls, 137; poll tax, $1.50; commitment, $3,328.94; rate, 27 mills on a dollar. Expense of poor, $613.17. Total liabilities, $2,409.38, increase of $50.79 during the year.

HEBRON.—Valuation, $180,218.00; polls, 136; rate, 17 mills on a dollar; total commitment, $3,626.16; cost of poor, $730.28; liabilities, $3,804.39. Recommended to raise for this year, $3,350.00.

PORTER.—Valuation, $200,320.00; a decrease in valuation over last year of $2,818.00. Total commitment, $3,386.66; rate, 12 mills on a dollar; outstanding orders, $5,109.62.

STOW.—Valuation, $123,448.00; total commitment, $1,781.76; rate, $13.50 on $1000; polls, 76; poll tax, $1.50; liabilities, $730.94; resources, $626.99.

GILEAD.—Valuation, $160,571.00; commitment, $2,273.04; polls, 127; poll tax, $2.00; rate per cent., 12½ mills on a dollar; cost of poor, $519.60; interest paid; $110.16; town officers' bills, $122.00; total liabilities, $3,081.42; resources, $2,154.03.

STONEHAM.—Valuation, $73,039.00; polls, 102; poll tax, $1.50; commitment, $1,498.88; liabilities, $672.66; resources, $923.70.

ORTSFIELD.—Valuation, $237,605.00; commitment, $5,152.00; polls, 200; poll tax, $2; rate, 20 mills on a dollar. Poor off farm, $775.83; expense at farm, $806.20; receipts, $502.67; resources and liabilities balance at $3,450.78.

SWEDEN.—Valuation, $312,078.00; committed to collector, $4,373.30; polls, 98; poll tax, $1.50; rate, 12½ mills on a dollar; abatements, $9.34; expense of poor, $188.97. An unexpended balance in the hands of the treasurer of $149.37.

CASCO.—Valuation, $263,577.00; polls, 220; poll tax, $3.00; rate, 14 mills on a dollar; total commitment, $4,400.54; for support of poor, $438.06; resources, $3,555.57; liabilities, $2,050.03.

RUMFORD CENTER.

Willis Brackett of Dixfield was in town, Sunday.

M. N. Lufkin has sold his oxen to V. Gray.

H. Colby & Son have sold their oxen to J. Chapman of Roxbury. Wilder Kimball sold his to M. Thurston.

W. R. Swain has bought out Geo. Tuttle's stage line from Rumford Falls to Andover.

E. E. Jackson and wife returned from Portland, Monday.

Henry Colby and wife and Frank Martin attended the G. A. R. Convention at Bangor, last week.

LYNCHVILLE.

Some people are never satisfied. I heard a man the first of the week complaining because there was no snow. The other day, I heard the same man growling because there was so much snow, and that is the way of the world, either too much or not enough.

David Lord of Lovell was through here, last Friday, with axes. He buys old axe polls and new steels them. He gives 25 cents for a four pound poll and 10 cents for one that weighs less.

Cephas Cobb and wife are both sick with the mumps. Mr. Cobb has had a hard time, this winter. He went into the woods, last fall, and had only been there a few days when he cut his foot quite bad and the last I knew that had not healed up.

Mrs. Elmer Cordwell is at North Lovell caring for her mother who is quite low and not expected to live.

Uncle Hiram Higgins is around calling on his friends. His straw hat looks rather cool.

HALE.

J. W. Hiland of Byron died, Feb. 23.

Swain & Reed of Roxbury have now over 100 men at work for them cutting and hauling white birch, sawing spool bars and turning dowels, and about 50 horses and oxen. L. H. Reed has 800 cords of birch to saw for Berlin Mills Co. at his mill in Roxbury, James Chapman has some 2000 cords to saw in Roxbury. These three mills are all on Swift river in the town of Roxbury. Mason & Rolfe have about 1000 cords to saw at their mill on Swift river in Mexico besides a large quantity of long lumber of all kinds. All this work goes with a rush now as we have good sledding.

Three-log trains a day on the R. F. & R. L. R. R. They take down from two to three hundred thousand per day. This beats all the logging the writer ever saw. I once saw 1,000,000 feet per month put on a landing near Chesuncook Lake. Every man, horses and oxen are laboring here now.

CANTON.

Work has begun on the new steel bridge across the Androscoggin at Gilbertville. The builders say that it will be the best on the river. The stone work has been let to Waterville parties for $10,500.

A new Catholic church is to be built at Gilbertville in the early spring.

The leap year ball was well attended and a brilliant success.

Many young people went to Canton Point to the drama, "Tony, the Convict," given by the Dixfield amateurs. The play was finely rendered.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:

I cannot begin to tell you what your remedies have done for me. I suffered for years with falling and neuralgia of the womb, kidney trouble and leucorrhœa in its worst form. There were times that I could not stand, was sick all over and in despair. I had not known a real well day for 15 years. I knew I must do something at once. I had tried physicians without receiving any lasting benefit. I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Now, I have used 9 bottles; my weight has increased 25 lbs. I tell every one to whom and what I owe my recovery, and there are 15 of my friends taking the Compound after seeing what it has done for me. Oh, if I had known of it sooner, and saved all these years of misery. I can recommend it to every woman.

KATE YODER, 408 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, O.

Should advice be required, write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., who has the utter confidence of all intelligent American women. She will promptly tell what to do, free of charge. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is easily obtained at any druggist's, will restore any ailing woman to her normal condition quickly and permanently.

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PARIS HILL.

Saturday, Feb. 22, Madam Arabella Rawson Carter reached the venerable age of 89 years, with intellect sharper, memory clearer "for all the years she has told, than many another woman who is not half as old." She looks out on a family line that will be closed at her death. Husband, son, grandson and great-grandson have gone. What wonder then that she says, "I take little interest in the present; all my life is in the past. The progress of the world seems but the overturning of good old customs and substituting for them the weak, changing fashions of the day. Madam Carter advocates one reform, and all, I think, will see the justice of it. That is, to allow single women and widows, owning property, the right of franchise in local elections. This is only Revolutionary sentiment: no taxation without representation.

Rev. W. W. Hooper will preach at the Universalist church next Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Hammond, of Berlin, N. H., is with her father, Capt. C. H. Ripley, who is very low.

Register Park was at North Paris as auctioneer, last Saturday. Misses Heald and Bradeen attended Probate office in his place.

The first of the Baptist circles met at the vestry, last week, Wednesday. Picnic supper, followed by music and recitations.

Frank Barbank and Amos Bird, of South Paris, were on the Hill Sunday, calling on sick brother Odd Fellows.

Mrs. A. D. Park visited friends in Sumner, last week.

At the Universalist circle, next Friday evening, a variety entertainment will be presented.

The quintette of male voices at the Baptist church, last Sunday, was a pleasant surprise. Mr. Roberts, L. B. Morrill, Ernest, Gilbert and Fred Shaw were the singers.

Albion Andrews is a walking warning to small boys not to run with an open knife in their hands. He tried it and fell, sticking the knife through his cheek.

Mary Newel gave a tea party to some of her lady friends, last week.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Chase, on Saturday, although not unexpected, caused deep grief to all. For some twenty-five years, her home has been at Paris, where her ever gentle ways made for her many friends. She met cheerfully the changes time has brought. She has buried husband, eight children and an adopted daughter. Many will remember the sad death of Mr. Chase, the result of a railroad accident at South Paris. She leaves two sons and two sisters. The funeral was Tuesday, at her late residence. Rev. H. J. Hamilton, pastor of the South Paris Congregationalist church, of which Mrs. Chase was a loved member, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. H. A. Roberts, of the Paris Baptist church. Appropriate music by the South Paris choir. The burial was at Deering, Me.

FRYEBURG.

J. I. Lovis says the thermometer registered on the 17th and 18th at his place: In the morning, 22 degrees below, 2 below at noon and 22 below at 9:30 in the evening. Tuesday, 30 degrees below in the morning, 1 above at noon and 5 below at night.

WATERFORD.

Chas. H. Rice fell and broke his leg near the ankle, last Sunday. It will be a hard case for Charles to keep still, as he is a very stirring, energetic man.

Mine host, Dudley, and wife, of the Lake House, had quite a surprise party, last Monday night, in the shape of a sleighing party of about thirty from Bridgton; but they were royally entertained, as are all who patronize this hotel. Last week they gave an oyster-supper to a Leap Year party from South Paris.

Regular meeting of Keoka Chapter, Order Eastern Star, Friday evening. A full attendance desired, and a cordial invitation given to any of the order, whom may be in the place.

Next Monday is town meeting. Let every one come out and vote for the best interest of the town, which, of course, means vote for your own man.

Mrs. M. F. Atherton is quite sick with cold and rheumatism. At present writing, she is a little better.

ALBANY.

Carter Grover met with quite a serious accident, last week, while making his daily trip to Bethel for the mail. It was occasioned by his horse taking fright at a pile of spruce which was near the roadside. The sleigh was overturned and he was thrown violently to ground, causing a dislocation of the shoulder. With assistance he drove on to Bethel where he had the attendance of a physician. He returned the next day and is still confined to the house.

A. G. Bean, Geo. Cummings and Mrs. Dora Beckler are in attendance at court as witnesses in the trial of Geo. Rice who is accused of having sold a horse and carriage which he hired at a stable in Norway.

Evelyn Wilbur is at home from Bethel where she has been attending school.

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This sale will begin Saturday, Feb. 15, and last till April 1.

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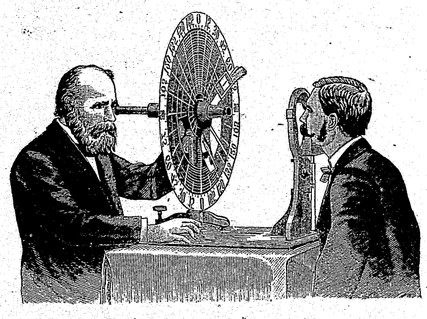

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